

CBS AND TIME WARNER CABLE DISPUTE ENDS

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CBS and Time Warner Cable ended their protracted contract dispute Monday evening with the announcement of an agreement that restored CBS and its related channels, like Showtime, to millions of cable subscribers largely in three major cities, New York, Los Angeles and Dallas.

The two sides did not release any specific information on the terms. They had battled for a month over an increase in fees that CBS was seeking for the right to retransmit CBS stations in those cities and some other locations on Time Warner Cable systems.

In a memo to the CBS staff, corporation president Leslie Moonves, said, "The final agreements with Time Warner Cable deliver to us all the value and terms that we sought in these discussions. We are receiving fair compensation for CBS content and we also have the ability to monetize our content going forward on all the new, developing platforms that are right now transforming the way people watch television."

Glenn Britt, Time Warner Cable's chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement: "We're pleased to be able to restore CBS programming for our customers, and appreciate their patience and loyalty throughout the dispute. As in all of our negotiations, we wanted to hold down costs and retain our ability to deliver a great video experience for our customers. While we certainly didn't get everything we wanted, ultimately we ended up in a much better place than when we started." □



Diana Nyad tells supporters and fans that you are "never too old to chase your dreams" after completing a 111-mile swim from Cuba to Key West, Fla. Nyad, 64, is the first swimmer to cross the Florida Straits without the security of a shark cage. The swim took Nyad 52 hours and 54 minutes, according to a support team member.

(AP Photo/Florida Keys Bureau, Andy Newman)

Nyad Completes Cuba-To-Florida Swim

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Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Looking dazed and sunburned, U.S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad walked ashore Monday, becoming the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the help of a shark cage. The 64-year-old Nyad swam up to the beach just before 2 p.m. EDT, about 53 hours after starting her journey from Havana on Saturday.

As she approached, spectators waded into waist-high water and surrounded her, taking pictures and cheering her on. "I have three messages. One is, we should never, ever give up. Two is, you're never too old to chase your dream. Three is, it looks like a solitary sport, but it is a team," she said on the beach. "I have to say, I'm a little bit out of it right now," Nyad said. She gestured toward

her swollen lips, and simply said "seawater." Her team said she had been slurring her words while out in the water. She was placed on a stretcher on the beach and received an IV before she was taken by ambulance to a hospital. But her doctor later declared her essentially healthy and expected her to recover quickly from dehydration, swelling and sunburn.

"I just wanted to get out of the sun," she said after coming ashore on a scorching, sunny day amid calm seas. It was Nyad's fifth attempt and what she had said would be her last try to complete the approximately 110-mile swim. She tried three times in 2011 and 2012. Her first attempt was in 1978.

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Assad: Risk of regional war if West strikes Syria

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France released an intelligence report on Monday alleging chemical weapons use by Syria's regime that dovetailed with similar U.S. claims, as President Bashar Assad warned that any military strike against his country would spark an un-

political pressure.

"We believe that a strong man is one who prevents war, not one who inflames it," Assad said.

French President Francois Hollande and Obama have been the two world leaders most vocally calling for action against Assad's regime, accusing it of carrying out a deadly

ists," he added.

To back up its case, the French government published a nine-page intelligence synopsis Monday that concluded Assad's regime had launched an attack on Aug. 21 involving a "massive use of chemical agents," and could carry out similar strikes in the future.



Syrian President Bashar Assad gestures as he speaks during an interview with a Russian newspaper, in Damascus, Syria. Assad has warned that any military strike against his country would spark an uncontrollable regional war and spread "chaos and extremism."

(AP Photo/SANA)

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The verbal crossfire, including a rejection of the Western allegations by longtime Syrian ally Russia, was part of frenzied efforts on both sides to court international public opinion after President Barack Obama said he would seek authorization from Congress before launching any military action against Assad's regime. In an interview with French newspaper Le Figaro, Assad was quoted as saying that Syria has challenged the U.S. and France to provide proof to support their allegations, but that their leaders "have been incapable of doing that, including before their own peoples." "If the Americans, the French or the British had a shred of proof, they would have shown it beginning on the first day," he said, deriding Obama as "weak" and having buckled to U.S. domestic

chemical attack against rebel-held suburbs of Damascus on Aug. 21.

The U.S. said it has proof that the Assad regime is behind attacks that Washington claims killed at least 1,429 people, including more than 400 children. Those numbers are significantly higher than the death toll of 355 provided by the aid group Doctors Without Borders.

It has marked an intolerable escalation in a two-year civil war in Syria that has left some 100,000 people dead. The Syrian government denies the allegations, and blames opposition fighters. In the Figaro interview, Assad questioned whether an attack took place at all and refused to say whether his forces have chemical weapons, as is widely believed. If the U.S. and France strike, "Everyone will lose control of the situation ... Chaos and extremism will spread. The risk of a regional war ex-

In all, though, the French report provided little new concrete evidence beyond what U.S. officials provided over the weekend in Washington. Along with it, the French Defense Ministry posted on its Web site six clips of amateur video showing victims, some of which has already been widely available online and in the international media. In the Figaro interview, Assad said "all the accusations are based on allegations of the terrorists and on arbitrary videos posted on the Internet."

The French report made no specific reference to the agencies involved or how the intelligence was collected about the attack, aside from referring to videos of the injured or killed, doctors' accounts, and "independent evaluations" such as one from Paris-based humanitarian aid group Doctors Without Borders three days after the attack. □

A Glance At Developments On Syria Around The World

The Associated Press

The United States is considering launching a punitive strike against the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad, blamed by the U.S. and the Syrian opposition for an Aug. 21 alleged chemical weapons attack in a rebel-held suburb of the Syrian capital of Damascus. The U.S. said the attack killed 1,429 people, including at least 426 children. Those numbers are significantly higher than the death toll of 355 provided by the aid group Doctors Without Borders. President Barack Obama said he has decided that the United States should take military action against Syria but is seeking congressional authorization for the use of force in a vote expected after Congress returns to work Sept. 9. Here's a look at key Syria developments around the world Monday amid heightened tensions over potential military action:

FRANCE:

A French intelligence report estimated that the Syrian regime launched the alleged Aug. 21 attack involving a "massive use of chemical agents" and could carry out similar strikes in the future. The government, on its Web site, published a 9-page intelligence synopsis about Syria's chemical weapons program that found that at least 281 deaths could be attributed to the attack in rebel-held areas outside Damascus.

RUSSIA:

The Russian news agency Interfax said President Vladimir Putin hopes to send a delegation of lawmakers to the U.S. to discuss the situation in Syria with members of Congress. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said evidence the U.S. showed Moscow to blame the Syrian regime for the alleged chemical weapons attack was "absolutely unconvincing." He said "there was nothing specific" in the evidence.

TURKEY:

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's chief adviser brushed aside fears that a U.S. strike against Syria could provoke Damascus to attack Turkey. Yalcin Akdogan told the Turkish daily newspaper Aksam that an attack on Turkey "would be madness and suicide" because Turkey is a member of NATO. The alliance is committed to defending member states.

CHINA:

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said his country urged the U.S. not to take unilateral action against Syria. He said Washington briefed Beijing about the matter and that China is concerned about chemical weapons use but that the country opposes the U.S. acting alone. Hong didn't address the possibility of the U.S. acting together with France's government, which supports a strike. Beijing would almost certainly be opposed to any strike.

GERMANY:

Chancellor Angela Merkel and her challenger in Germany's upcoming election said late Sunday they wouldn't participate in military action against Syria. Merkel said there must be "a collective answer by the U.N." to the use of chemical weapons in Syria as she faced center-left rival Peer Steinbrueck in a televised debate. Steinbrueck said he wouldn't participate in military action as chancellor and would "greatly regret it" if the U.S. strikes alone without an international mandate.



For at least six years, federal agents have had access to billions of phone call records dating back decades in a collaboration with AT&T that officials have taken pains to keep secret. (AP Photo)

DEA agents plumb vast database of call records

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SEATTLE (AP) — For at least six years, federal drug and other agents have had near-immediate access to billions of phone call records dating back decades in a collaboration with AT&T that officials have taken pains to keep secret, newly released documents show.

The program, first reported Monday by The New York Times, is called the Hemisphere Project. It's paid for by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and it allows investigators armed with subpoenas to quickly mine the company's vast database to help track down drug traffickers or other suspects who switch cellphones to avoid detection.

The details of the Hemisphere Project come amid a national debate about the federal government's access to phone records, particularly the bulk collection of phone records for national security purposes. Hemisphere, however, takes a different approach from that of the National Security Agency, which maintains a database of call records handed over by phone companies as authorized by the post-Sept. 11, 2001, USA Patriot Act.

"Subpoenaing drug dealers' phone records is a bread-and-butter tactic in the course of criminal investigations," Justice Department spokesman Brian Fallon said in an email. "The records are maintained at all times by the phone company, not the government. This program simply streamlines the process of serving the subpoena to the phone company so law enforcement can quickly keep up with drug dealers when they switch phone numbers to try to avoid detection."

The Associated Press independently obtained a series of slides detailing Hemisphere. They show the database includes not just records of AT&T customers, but of any call that passes through an AT&T switch.

The federal government pays the salaries of four AT&T employees who work in three federal anti-drug offices around the U.S. to expedite subpoena requests, an Obama administration official told the AP on Monday. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because he or she was not authorized to discuss the program, and said that two of the AT&T employees are based at the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area office in Atlanta, one at the HIDTA office in Houston, and one at the office in Los Angeles. The Hemisphere database includes records that date back to 1987, the official said, but typical narcotics investigations focus on records no older than 18 months. To keep the program secret, investigators who request searches of the database are instructed to "never refer to Hemisphere in any official document," one of the slides noted. □

Syria debate sets up clash in GOP

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WASHINGTON - A congressional vote on whether to strike Syria could offer the best insight yet on which wing of the Republican Party - the party's traditional hawks, or a growing bloc of noninterventionists - has the advantage in the fierce internal debates over foreign policy that have been taking place throughout the year.

Republican divisions on national security have flared over the use of drones, aid to Egypt, and the surveil-

almost certainly going to be the leading spokesmen for their party's two wings. McCain has long advocated intervention in the Syria's civil war, and he was scheduled to go to the White House on Monday afternoon to express his concern to President Barack Obama that the White House's proposal for limited airstrikes was insufficient to address the bloodshed and humanitarian crisis there.

Paul made clear his opposition to Obama's proposal on Sunday, taking to Twitter

eign entanglements.

But even Republicans who are not active supporters of Paul recognize that both the country and their party are susceptible to a come-home-America message at a moment of war weariness and, among conservatives, profound distrust toward Obama.

"Americans have become increasingly inured to events thousands of miles away, within a distant and disconnected culture," said the longtime Republican strategist Alex Castellanos, citing a nation "exhausted



President Barack Obama meets with Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.), second from left, Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), right, and Susan Rice, left, the national security adviser, to discuss strategy on Syria in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Sept. 2, 2013. After the meeting, McCain called the discussions "encouraging" and urged Congress to support Obama in his plan for military action in Syria.

(Pete Souza/The New York Times)

lance practices of the National Security Agency, and the tensions have played out publicly in battles between Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the former Navy pilot and Vietnam prisoner of war, and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, the libertarian-leaning freshman. McCain memorably called Paul and his compatriots "wacko birds," and Paul suggested that McCain and the hawks were "moss covered."

But those intermittent spats could pale in comparison with the fight over whether to attack Syria, an issue on which McCain and Paul - a former Republican presidential candidate and a possible one in 2016 - are

and the talk shows to taunt Secretary of State John Kerry. "John Kerry is, you know, he's famous for saying, you know, how can you ask a man to be the last one to die for a mistake?" Paul said.

"I would ask John Kerry, how can you ask a man to be the first one to die for a mistake?"

A top aide to Paul said Sunday that the senator would mount a lobbying campaign in the House, where senior leaders like Mike Rogers, R-Mich. and the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, will face off against a new vanguard of members like Justin Amash, R-Mich., who are opposed to what they see as risky for-

by crises." "They know our country is already overextended and doubt leaders who tell them there are 'no good options' but demand we choose one anyway." The result, Castellanos said, is that "Rand Paul is actually in sync with a crisis-weary America and a fatigued GOP."

Paul is very much aware that the vote offers just that chance to reorient, at least for now, the Republican center on foreign affairs. And the debate gives him the chance to re-establish himself as the leading voice of the libertarian-leaning Tea Party movement after months in which Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas has won significant attention. □

Nyad Completes Cuba-To-Florida Swim

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"It's historic, marvelous," said Jose Miguel Diaz Escrich, the Hemingway Marina commodore who helped organize the Cuba side of Nyad's multiple attempts.

"I always thought she could do it given her internal energy, her mental and physical strength, her will of iron," said Diaz Escrich, whom Nyad has called a longtime friend.

"More than the athletic feat, she wants to send a message of peace, love, friendship and happiness ... between the people of the United States and Cuba," he added.

President Barack Obama was among a flurry of public officials and celebrities who tweeted congratulations. The president's tweet read: "Never give up on your dreams."

Nyad's previous try was cut short amid boat trouble, storms, unfavorable currents and jellyfish stings that left her face puffy and swollen.

This time, she wore a full

bodysuit, gloves, booties and a mask at night, when jellyfish rise to the surface. The new silicone mask caused bruises inside her mouth, making it difficult for her to speak, she told

her team as she neared land.

Doctors traveling with Nyad had been worried about her slurred speech and her breathing, but didn't intervene, according to Nyad's

website.

"She was incredible to watch the whole way through," said one of her doctors, Derek Covington, speaking with The Associated Press afterward. □



Long distance swimmer Diana Nyad swims towards shore in Key West, Fla., Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, after swimming from Cuba. Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the help of a shark cage. She arrived at the beach just before 2 p.m. EDT, about 53 hours after she began her swim in Havana on Saturday.

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Cops: Dad of NY tot shot in stroller likely target

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Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — Police

Hennis in Brooklyn on Sunday night and believe his death may be gang-related, Kelly said.

hood when shots rang out at about 7:20 p.m., police said.
"All of a sudden, we hear

got shot, Grandma!"
"He was such a beautiful little baby, smiling and talking to everybody," Steele said, flanked by community group leaders and mayoral candidate Bill Thompson.

Anti-violence activist Anthony Herbert, who heads a group called Advocates Without Borders, said its members were also gathering information about the shooting and urging the gunman to turn himself in. Grief and outrage over the toddler's shooting loomed over the annual West Indian Day Parade not far away, where Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the killing "a tragedy for his family, for this community, for the entire city" and political candidates talked about gun violence.

Four shots were fired, and one hit the boy in the left side of his head; he was declared dead on arrival at the hospital. The gunfire left four .45-caliber shell casings on the corner and bullet holes in the stroller, Kelly told reporters before the parade.

"We have some leads, and those leads are being aggressively followed," the commissioner said. He said the baby's father isn't cooperating with police and has a criminal record but didn't elaborate.

The boy's father and mother couldn't immediately be reached for comment. A phone number for the father wasn't listed, and activists who spoke at a news conference said the mother wouldn't be making a statement Monday. While killings hit a record low in the city last year and are on track to drop further this year, "we know that is cold comfort to any grieving parent or friends," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said before the parade.

As of Aug. 25, killings and shootings were down about 26 percent compared to the same time last year, according to the mayor's office.

In the police precinct that includes Brownsville, there had been seven killings this year, half as many as during the same period in 2012. □



Mourners visit a memorial for Antiq Hennis, in the Brownsville neighborhood in the Brooklyn borough of New York, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, where a day earlier, the 1-year-old boy was shot and killed in his stroller during a walk with his parents. New York Police Department investigators believe the boy's father may have been the intended target and are pursuing leads.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

investigating the death of a 1-year-old boy who was shot in his stroller during a walk on a city street believe his father was the intended target, Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Monday. Authorities have some leads in the killing of Antiq

The boy's father, Anthony Hennis, had just gone to pick up the boy at the home of the baby's mother and take him to visit Hennis' grandmother, Kelly said. Hennis, 21, put the boy in the stroller and was pushing him across a street in the Brownsville neighbor-

hood when shots rang out at about 7:20 p.m., police said.

"And he fell on the ground and said, 'Grandma, my baby got shot! My baby

Suit claims financier backed Madoff despite his own fears

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NEW YORK - In 2003, a research company met with J. Ezra Merkin, a prominent Wall Street financier who had earned a fortune investing his clients' money with Bernard L. Madoff. During the meeting, according to a new court filing, Merkin admitted that he did not fully understand Madoff's business and questioned its legitimacy. He warned the unnamed company never to "go long in a big way" with Madoff. He joked that "Charles Ponzi would lose out because it would be called the 'Madoff scheme,'" according to notes from the meeting. "Seems to be some probability even in Ezra's mind that this could be a fraud," a representative of the company concluded. The details of that meeting are among the new claims in

a lawsuit filed late Friday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan by the trustee for victims of Madoff's multibillion-dollar swindle. According to the trustee, Merkin "willfully blinded" himself to numerous indications that Madoff was a con man.

"Despite Merkin's knowledge that Madoff was running a Ponzi scheme, that Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities was a fraud, and that Madoff could not have achieved his incredible returns, Merkin never pressed Madoff for an explanation but instead participated in Madoff's fraud," wrote the trustee, Irving L. Picard, in the amended complaint, which updated an action originally filed in 2009. Some new details came from a phone call Merkin recorded during the fall of 2005, between himself and Madoff. □



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Colorado:

Gun control debate extends reach of recall races

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- Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York and billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad have each donated hundreds of thousands of dollars. The National Rifle Association is buying political advertisements. New York's junior senator sent

a fundraising email. And the election has attracted news coverage from as far away as Sweden.

All this over a homegrown campaign to oust two Democratic state senators who provided crucial support for a package of strict new state gun control laws. As the recall elections - the first of their kind in Col-

orado's history - draw closer, the race has swelled from a local scuffle into a proxy battle in the nation's wrenching fight over gun control. Overall, both sides have dedicated about \$2 million to the campaigns, most of it in support of the two senators: John Morse, the president of the Colorado Senate, and Angela

Giron, who represents the Southern Colorado city of Pueblo. That might not seem large compared with the multimillion-dollar governors' races that can be commonplace across the country these days. But the money and the attention have transformed an off-year campaign that started with homemade signs and volunteers collecting signatures in grocery store parking lots. Voters say they are being bombarded with telephone calls and pamphlets, radio and television commercials. Each day seems to bring a new procedural battle: over the language on the recall ballot, how the vote will be conducted or which candidates will appear as possible replacements. Morse, who represents Colorado Springs, and Giron each have one Republican challenger on the ballot. Bloomberg, who has bankrolled other gun-control supporters across the country, recently contributed \$350,000 to fight the recall efforts. Broad gave \$250,000. Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, D-N.Y., has

stepped in on behalf of Giron, in particular, enlisting support through her Off the Sidelines political action committee.

Bloomberg "has said he is going to support officials across the country who are willing to stand up to the NRA and Washington gun lobby to support sane gun laws that will keep guns out of the hands of criminals," Marc La Vorgna, a spokesman for the mayor, said in an email. "These two senators did that."

The NRA has also jumped into the Sept. 10 race, contributing nearly \$109,000 for mailings and radio, cable and online ads, according to campaign finance records.

The influx of money has allowed each side to claim that its opponents are being manipulated by outside interests. One advertisement by the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners said Morse was taking "marching orders" from the "billionaire playboy" Bloomberg. A fundraising email from Gillibrand called the election "a wrongful recall by the NRA."

passions on display in the recall effort also represent a widening rift in the state's identity, some analysts say, between the Colorado of F-150s, hunting trips and rural towns, and the Colorado of Subarus, ski passes and downtown lofts.

This year, with Democrats controlling the Legislature and governor's mansion, they not only passed new gun control laws, but also laws allowing people living in the country illegally to pay in-state tuition, creating new green-energy requirements for rural electric cooperatives and approving civil unions for same-sex couples. □



John Morse, the president of the Colorado Senate, canvasses a neighborhood making the case that he should not be voted out of office in a recall election in Colorado Springs, Colo. As recall elections, the first of their kind in Colorado's history, draw closer, the race has swelled from a local scuffle into a proxy battle in the nation's wrenching fight over gun control.

(Matthew Staver/The New York Times)

Plane lands hard in Colorado; no injuries reported

TELLURIDE, Colo. (AP) — A plane carrying 12 people, including team members of a project about famed author J.D. Salinger, landed hard at Telluride airport after its landing gear collapsed, but officials said no one was injured.

The twin-engine Beechcraft 1900 skidded to a stop just after 1 p.m. Sunday and sustained damage to the left engine propellers and wing, the San Miguel County Sheriff's Office said. Members of the team behind an upcoming

book and documentary on the writer were among the 10 passengers and two crew members aboard, according to "Salinger" author Shane Salerno. But it was not clear exactly how many people connected to the project were on board. "I am extremely grateful that everyone is okay," Salerno, who was not on board, told The Associated Press in an email. Before the plane landed, firefighters arrived at the scene to await its arrival after receiving advance

notice that a light on the aircraft had shown its landing gear was not locked down. There was no fire or smoke after the hard landing, but authorities said the aircraft suffered damage to the left engine propellers and the left wing.

FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer said the aircraft was arriving from Denver when the left main landing gear collapsed.

The Los Angeles Times reported the team traveled to Colorado on Sunday to promote the Salinger doc-

umentary at the Telluride Film Festival.

The book about the author of the acclaimed novel "The Catcher in the Rye" is scheduled to be published this week and the film will air on PBS in January.

Sgt. Michael Westcott of San Miguel County said deputies gave the passengers a ride to the terminal building, where they retrieved their luggage and left the airport.

The National Transportation Safety Board will be investigating the incident. □

US Financial Front:

Aftereffects of recession reverse California airport's growth

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ONTARIO, Calif. - Rolling into Ontario International Airport is a traveler's delight. The parking lots, across from either termi-

LeBron James for a rebound - there is plenty of elbow room for everyone. The greatest inconvenience awaits those who head to the taxi stand: sometimes there are no

counters flying out of Los Angeles International Airport. "It's so easy." But what makes traveling so pleasant for passengers like Long also underscores the problem facing this re-

with passenger traffic nearing pre-recession levels nationally, the passenger traffic at Ontario has plummeted 40 percent since its 2007 peak of 6.9 million, according to Federal Aviation Administration figures. The decline, fed by a confluence of economic misfortune, a change in airline business practices and local political turf wars, is projected to continue through the end of the year. It has left Ontario with traffic levels around 4 million, about what they were in the mid-1980s, a decade before construction of two modern terminals that were supposed to make this airport a linchpin of the region's economic growth. But like the housing booms and busts that have driven the economic prospects of the area over the last 25 years, the airport's plight has left some to wonder if such ideas were too speculative. It is not just the economy that has crippled the Ontario airport. There has been a change in how airlines operate, analysts say, prizing profitability now more than market share,

which has driven airlines away from smaller airports to larger ones nearby. Southwest Airlines, the main tenant at Ontario, began there in 1985 with five daily flights to Phoenix. It once flew 64 flights a day from Ontario in the late '90s, but is now down to 35 flights a day. An additional reduction of 12 percent has been announced for January. At the same time, it has expanded service at Los Angeles International. Ontario's decline stands in contrast to the region's other smaller airports, like Burbank International, Long Beach and Orange County, which have mostly rebounded from the recession. But as Ontario struggles, what has gained the most attention locally is the political tug of war over control of the airport. Los Angeles World Airports, an agency of the city of Los Angeles, has operated Ontario and several other smaller airports along with Los Angeles International since the 1960s, when the largely rural area was happy not to have the task of running an airport. □



Ontario International Airport, that has experienced a 40 percent drop in passenger traffic since its 2007 peak of 6.9 million, in Ontario, Calif. Analysts say a change in how airlines operate has also affected business at Ontario International Airport. (J. Emilio Flores/The New York Times)

nal, are mostly vacant. The spacious, tidy terminals are filled with natural light and few lines at the ticket counters. Jostling around the baggage carousel is not like trying to box out

cabs. One has to be called. "Truthfully, I love this," Annette Long said as she prepared to check her bags for a recent flight, thrilled to be missing the freeway traffic and crowds she en-

gional airport, which, like the Inland Empire region that it serves, is still reeling from the devastating impact of the recession. As airports show slow but steady signs of recovery,

Fast-food economics highlighted by US workers' protests

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NEW YORK (AP) — American fast-food workers often earn about \$7.25 an hour to make the \$3 chicken sandwiches and 99-cent tacos that generate billions of dollars in profit each year for McDonald's, Taco Bell and other chains. Thousands of the many millions of U.S. fast-food workers and their supporters have been staging protests across the country in the past year to call attention to the struggles of living on or close to the federal minimum wage. The push raises the question of whether the economics of the fast-food industry allow room for a boost in pay for its workers.

The industry is built on a business model that keeps costs — including those for labor — low so companies

can make money while satisfying America's love of cheap, fast food. And no group along the food chain, from the customers to the companies, wants to foot the bill for higher wages for workers.

Customers want a deal when they order burgers and fries. But those cheap meals squeeze franchise store owners who say they already survive on slim margins. And the corporations have to grow profits to keep shareholders happy. "There's no room in the fast-food business model for substantially higher pay levels without raising prices for food," says Richard Adams, a former McDonald's franchisee who now runs a fast-food consulting business.

Caught in that triangle are the workers. The median hourly wage for a fast-food cook last year

was \$9, up from about \$7 a decade ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But many workers make the federal minimum wage, which was last raised in 2009. At \$7.25 an hour, that's about \$15,000 a year, assuming a 40-hour workweek. It's well less than half of the median salary of an American worker.

The protests come as President Barack Obama has called for an increase of the federal minimum wage to \$9 an hour, with some members of Congress and economists calling for a hike as well. And the fast-food workers movement is getting financial support as well as training from organizers of the Service Employees International Union, which represents more than 2 million workers.

Workers protesting in cities including New York,

Chicago and Detroit, are pushing for \$15 an hour, which would mean wages of \$31,000 a year. But the figure is seen as more of a rallying point and many say they'd be happy with even a few bucks more.

"Anything to make it more reasonable," says Jamal Harris, 21, who earns \$7.40 an hour working at three different fast-food restaurants around Detroit — a Burger King, a Long John Silver's and a Checkers — because he's never sure how many hours he'll get at any one job.

The same is true for Robert Wilson, a 25-year-old McDonald's employee in Chicago. "It was never a consistent check," said Wilson, who lives with his mother and brother who also work at the restaurant.

Wilson says he was given one 10-cent raise in the past four years. That brings

his pay up to \$8.60 an hour after seven years working at the restaurant.

Low wages and a lack of benefits for workers aren't anything new in the fast-food industry, of course. What's changing now is that such jobs are playing a bigger role in the U.S. economy, bringing the fast-food protests closer to home for many.

Nearly 70 percent of the jobs gained since the recession ended have been in low-paying industries such as fast-food or retail. That's even though half of the jobs lost during the Great Recession were in industries that pay between \$38,000 and \$68,000 a year.

Currently, the median annual wage for all U.S. full-time wage and salary workers is about \$40,350, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. □

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Egypt judges recommend dissolving the Brotherhood

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A panel of Egyptian judges recommended Monday the disso-

main backer and a pillar of political Islam in the region. Since the military deposed Mohammed Morsi in a July 3 coup, it has steadily in-

bers are in detention and facing prosecution, many on charges of inciting violence. Morsi himself has been held

der of his opponents. A date has yet to be set for the trial, in which 14 leading Brotherhood members are also charged.

In its recommendation to Egypt's administrative court, the panel of judges accused the Brotherhood of operating outside the law.

It also recommended the closure of its Cairo headquarters.

The recommendation is nonbinding for the court, which holds its next hearing on Nov. 12.

Both state and private Egyptian media have adopted the interim government's line on dealing with the Brotherhood since the coup, repeatedly describing the group's actions and those of other Morsi supporters as acts of "terrorism."

The 85-year-old organization had faced legal challenges even before Morsi's ouster. Officially banned for most of its existence, it flour-

ished as a major provider of social services to the country's poor and eventually won seats in parliament and union leadership.

But its lack of legal status, as well as its secretive organization and funding had left it open to recurrent crackdowns by the government over the years.

The Brotherhood rose to the forefront of Egyptian politics however after the 2011 popular uprising that forced longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak from power. The group then formed a political party and won majority seats in the parliament. Its candidate, Morsi, became the country's first Islamist president.

The distinction between the religious-based Brotherhood and its political party however remained unclear, raising questions about financing and legal status and driving many opponents to file lawsuits seeking Brotherhood's dissolution. □



Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, left, brings Egypt's Interim President Adly Mansour a message from Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa while meeting at the presidential palace in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013. A panel of Egyptian judges recommended Monday the dissolution of the Muslim Brotherhood.

(AP Photo/Egypt Presidency)

lution of the Muslim Brotherhood, adding momentum to a push by authorities to ban the ousted president's

tensified a crackdown on the Brotherhood, Egypt's largest political organization. Hundreds of its mem-

in an undisclosed location since his ouster. On Sunday, state prosecutors charged him with inciting the mur-

Anti-al-Qaida leader escapes assassination attempt in Iraq

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A prominent militia leader opposed to al-Qaida escaped an assassination attempt in Baghdad Monday that killed six of his body guards and one civilian and wounded eight people, authorities said.

And a Turkish diplomat avoided injury when a roadside bomb exploded as he traveled in a convoy in the northern city of Mosul.

No one was hurt in the bomb blast that damaged one of the vehicles in the convoy of Ozturk Yilmaz, who heads the Turkish consulate in Mosul, said a po-

lice official and a consulate official who both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Seven more people were killed and 15 wounded Monday in separate bouts of violence in Baghdad and another Iraqi city as the country reels from waves of sectarian attacks. Two suicide bombers attacked the motorcade of Wisam al-Hardan, the militia leader, near his house in Baghdad's western Harthiyah neighborhood.

But the Sunni tribal sheik was not injured, said Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan. □



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Israel's Peres voices support for Obama's decision on Syria

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JERUSALEM - President Shimon Peres of Israel offered strong support Monday for President Barack Obama's decision to seek congressional approval before taking military action in response to Syria's apparent use of chemical weapons, saying he had "full faith" in his "moral and operational stance."

In an hourlong interview on Army Radio, he said: "I recommend patience. I am confident that the United States will respond appropriately to Syria."

Many Israeli experts and analysts have condemned Obama's move, saying it signified America's waning influence in the Middle East and left Israel on its own to deal with regional threats, including Iran's nuclear program. But Peres said, "I don't think that exercising judgment means stammering."

The comments came after a dictate that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued to his cabinet Sunday to refrain from speaking publicly about Syria.

whether the two leaders had talked about Syria since Obama's speech Saturday, in which he announced that he would delay a military strike pending

questions about whether his comments were coordinated with the prime minister or about the last time they had discussed Syria; he also would not say when Peres last spoke with Obama.

Israel's presidency is a largely ceremonial post that sits outside the government and has no power over foreign policy. But Peres, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former prime minister who recently turned 90, frequently tries to leverage his international stature as an elder statesman, sometimes causing controversy at home.

A year ago, he made waves by speaking out against the prospect of a lone Israeli military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities at a time when Netanyahu and his defense minister were believed to be contemplating just such a move. People close to the prime minister were

quoted in the Israeli news media accusing Peres of overstepping his role.

Before Israel's elections in January, Peres was accused of meddling in politics after telling a group of visiting ambassadors that Israel must reach a peace agreement with the Palestinians "without further delay" and that he considered President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority a suitable partner for negotiations.

Netanyahu's political party, Likud Beiteinu, issued a statement condemning Peres for expressing a "personal political opinion that is disconnected from the Israeli public's stance," and the prime minister himself said that "the diplomatic process must be managed responsibly and sagaciously and not in undue haste." Peres weighed in again on both Iran and the peace process in Monday's radio interview. □



President Shimon Peres of Israel sits with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem. Peres offered strong support on Monday for President Barack Obama's decision to seek Congressional approval before taking military action in response to Syria's apparent use of chemical weapons.

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A spokesman for Netanyahu declined to discuss Peres' comments or say

a congressional vote on the matter. A spokesman for Peres refused to answer



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Germany: 92-year-old tried for Nazi war crime

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Associated Press

HAGEN, Germany (AP) —

Germany put a 92-year-old former member of the Nazi Waffen SS on trial Monday

phase of German Nazi-era investigations, with federal prosecutors this week expected to announce they are recommending the pursuit of possible charges against about 40 former

to death in absentia in the Netherlands in 1949 in a case that involved the killing of the resistance fighter. The sentence was later commuted to life in prison, but attempts to extradite him were unsuccessful because he had obtained German citizenship through a policy instituted by Adolf Hitler to confer citizenship on foreigners who served the Nazi military. Ulrich Sander, spokesman for an organization representing the victims of Nazi crimes, told the dpa news agency that the decision to bring Bruins to trial again, even at his advanced age, was a good one.

"We must make it clear for the future that such crimes are always prosecuted, that murderers never get away," he said.

Despite his age, Bruins was found medically fit to stand trial, though Kniffka said the stress of the proceedings against him has weakened him. Trial sessions are being limited to a maximum of three hours in deference to his age and health. Bruins volunteered for the Waffen SS, the combat arm of the Nazis' fanatical paramilitary organization, in 1941 after the Nazis conquered and occupied his homeland. He eventually rose to the rank of Unterscharführer — roughly equivalent to sergeant. He fought on the eastern front in Russia until 1943 when he became ill and no longer fit for combat duty. Transferred back to the Netherlands, he served first in the Sicherheitsdienst — the Nazi internal intelligence agency — and then the Sicherheitspolizei, or Security Police, in a unit tasked to find resistance fighters and Jews. □



Siert Bruins, 92-year-old former member of the Nazi Waffen SS, sits in the courtroom of the court in Hagen, Germany, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013. Dutch-born Siert Bruins, who is now a German, is on trial on allegations he executed a Dutch resistance fighter in 1944. Bruins, who volunteered for the SS after the Nazis took the Netherlands in 1941, already served time in Germany in the 1980s after being found guilty in the wartime killing of two Dutch Jews.

(AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

on charges that he killed a Dutch resistance fighter in 1944.

Dutch-born Siert Bruins, who is now German, entered the Hagen state courtroom using a walker, but appeared alert and attentive as the proceedings opened.

No pleas are made in the German system, and Bruins offered no statement. His attorney, Klaus-Peter Kniffka, said after the short 35-minute opening session that it was unlikely his client would ever address the court personally.

"I will probably deliver a defense declaration, but it depends upon the course of the trial," he told reporters.

The trial comes amid a new

Auschwitz guards.

The renewed probes of death camp guards come after the case of former Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk, who died last year while appealing his 2011 conviction for accessory to murder after allegations he served in Sobibor. His case established that death camp guards could be convicted as accessories to murder, even if there was no specific evidence of atrocities against them. Bruins, however, had long been on the radar of German legal authorities and already served time in the 1980s for his role in the wartime slaying of two Dutch Jews.

Bruins was also already convicted and sentenced

Manila: China set impossible conditions on islands for visit

JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

Philippine President Benigno Aquino III canceled a trip to a Chinese trade fair after Beijing demanded that he first withdraw a legal complaint over disputed territories in the South China Sea, Filipino officials said Monday.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and two other diplomats relayed conditions for Aquino to attend the annual China-ASEAN Expo, which opens Tuesday in the southern city of Nanning, Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez told a news conference.

Hernandez declined to detail the conditions, but said these were "absolutely inimical to our national interest." The Chinese side asked that the conditions not be publicly disclosed, he said. They were discussed by Wang and Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario in Beijing on Wednesday.

Because of the conditions, Aquino decided to call off his publicly announced trip to the trade fair, Hernandez said, adding the Philippines will instead send a delegation headed by its trade secretary.

"The president stood firm in the defense of the country's national interest," Hernandez said.

Two Philippine officials told The Associated Press that China wanted Manila to withdraw a U.N. arbitration case over disputed islands in the South China Sea. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

Chinese officials have also cited a new standoff between China and the Phil-

ippines over the Second Thomas Shoal, which is called Ayungin Shoal by Filipinos and Ren'ai Reef by the Chinese, the Philippine officials said.

China has asked Manila to remove a navy ship that ran aground on the shoal years ago, but the Philippine officials said the area was well within their territorial waters.

China was concerned that allowing Aquino to visit after the Philippines brought its territorial disputes to U.N. arbitration in January — which Beijing calls an "unfriendly act" — may not be welcomed by the Chinese public and media, the officials said.

Asked to comment Monday, Chinese Embassy spokesman Zhang Hua did not react to their statements, but urged the Philippines to work with China "to overcome difficulties and disturbances and make real efforts to get the China-Philippine relationship" back on track.

He said China welcomes Southeast Asian delegations, including from the Philippines, to the trade expo.

The Philippines is this year's "country of honor" at the trade fair, which takes place in China every year to highlight trade exchanges between Beijing and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The prime ministers of China allies Cambodia and Laos, along with those of Thailand and Vietnam have confirmed their attendance to the trade expo, which was first held in 2004 to promote the China-ASEAN free-trade area. Myanmar, another China ally, will send its vice president, Philippine officials said. □

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Brazil expresses outrage over new NSA spy report

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Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The Brazilian government condemned a U.S. spy program that reportedly targeted the nation's leader, labeled it an "unacceptable invasion" of sovereignty and called Monday for international regulations to protect citizens and governments alike from cyber espionage.

In a sign that fallout over the spy program is spreading, the newspaper Folha de S.Paulo reported that President Dilma Rousseff is considering canceling her October trip to the U.S., where she has been scheduled to be honored with a state dinner. Folha cited unidentified Rousseff aides.

The president's office declined to comment. The Foreign Ministry called in U.S. Ambassador Thomas Shannon and told him Brazil expects the White House to provide a prompt written explanation over the espionage allegations. The action came after a report aired Sunday night on Globo TV citing 2012 documents from NSA leaker Edward Snowden that indicated the U.S. intercepted Rousseff's emails and telephone calls, along with

those of Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, whose communications were being monitored even before he was elected as president in July 2012.

Mexico's government said it had expressed its concerns to the U.S. ambassador and directly to the U.S. administration.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo said, "We're going to talk with our partners, including developed and developing nations, to evaluate how they protect themselves and to see what joint measures could be taken in the face of this grave situation."

He added that "there has to be international regulations that prohibit citizens and governments alike from being exposed to interceptions, violations of privacy and cyberattacks." Justice Minister Eduardo Cardozo said at a joint news conference with Figueiredo that "from our point of view, this represents an unacceptable violation of Brazilian sovereignty."

"This type of practice is incompatible with the confidence necessary for a strategic partnership between two nations," Cardozo said. Earlier, Sen. Ricardo Ferraco, head of the Brazilian

Senate's foreign relations committee, said lawmakers already had decided to formally investigate the U.S. program's focus on Brazil because of earlier revelations that the country was a top target of the NSA spying in the region. He said the probe would likely start this week.

"I feel a mixture of amazement and indignation. It seems like there are no limits. When the phone of the president of the republic is monitored, it's hard to imagine what else might be happening," Ferraco told reporters in Brasilia. "It's unacceptable that in a country like ours, where there is absolutely no climate of terrorism, that there is this type of spying." During the Sunday night TV program, U.S. journalist Glenn Greenwald, who lives in Rio de Janeiro, told the news program "Fan-



Brazil's Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado adjusts his earphone during a joint news conference with Japan's Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida at Itamaraty palace, in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013. Figueiredo Machado met with U.S. ambassador to Brazil, Thomas Shannon, on Monday following new revelations that the National Security Agency's spy program directly targeted the South American nation's leader, President Dilma Rousseff.

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tastico" that a document dated June 2012 shows that Pena Nieto's emails were being read. The document's date is the month before Pena Nieto was

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The document indicated who Pena Nieto would like to name to some government posts, among other information. □

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Mexico: brother of alleged Juarez cartel boss held

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The brother of the head of the Juarez Cartel has been arrested in the western state of Nayarit and is being held pending charges of links to organized crime, Mexican officials said Monday. Federal officials said Alberto Carrillo Fuentes was detained by federal police Sunday and moved to Mexico City, where prosecutors expect to file as-yet-undetermined charges against him. Government security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez confirmed the arrest in a message Monday on Twitter. Carrillo Fuentes appears to be a relatively minor figure in the Mexican underworld, although he belongs to one of its most powerful families. Neither the U.S. nor Mexican governments had publicly announced rewards for him. His brother Vicente Carrillo Fuentes remains one of the most wanted men in both countries, and officials widely describe him as head of the Juarez Cartel. Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto has continued a strategy of hunting down the heads of the country's drug cartels, although his government has disparaged his predecessor's heavy dependence on that approach. Mario Armando Ramirez Trevino, a top leader of Mexico's Gulf Cartel, was detained last month in a military operation near the Texas border, weeks after the arrest of the leader of the brutal Zetas cartel near another border city, Nuevo Laredo. A U.S. law enforcement official who works on the Mexican border said intelligence indicates that Vicente Carrillo Fuentes had ceded some but not all of his leadership responsibilities in the Juarez Cartel in recent years. The official, who agreed to discuss the matter only if not quoted by name because of security concerns, said Alberto Carrillo Fuentes was a member of the cartel but described his specific role and position as unclear. □

Dominican raid of 'sect' compound under scrutiny

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Associated Press

SOSUA, Dominican Republic (AP) — Police stormed the compound with guns drawn, killing a man and declaring they had uncovered a heavily armed European cult suspected of plotting against the government and trafficking in human organs. They found no sign of any organ trafficking, but officials say something unusual was going on behind the walls of the Academy for Future Health, where sev-

itary-grade assault weapons, other firearms, body armor, targets and a cross-bow.

On Tuesday, a judge ruled there is enough evidence to try 62-year-old sect leader Peter Brunck and his son, Daniel Roland, on weapons violations and a charge of "rebellion." They face up to 10 years in prison, and prosecutors said further counts are possible. But nearly a year after the October raid, the police involved in the operation are also in prosecutors' sights.

"This was a looting," says Jose Carlos Gonzalez, a lawyer for Brunck.

Ulrich Muhl, a spokesman for the group, dismissed allegations that anything sinister was going on at the compound. "The basic idea is to give people a place to live ... a tranquil, spiritual life, to search for the truth," he said, adding that members of the group were armed because they feared crime.

"We are not criminals," Muhl said. "None of the things they said about us

The Academy for Future Health's German-language website says the planet is "cleansing itself of the debris that lives on its surface," and goes on to mention aspects of the global financial crisis, extraterrestrials and the looming fall of the "inhuman" U.S. government.

Klaus Muller, a disaffected former member who lives near the compound, said Brunck had predicted the world would come to a catastrophic end in August 2012 and had stockpiled food, weapons and equipment, including an ambulance at the compound in Sosua, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) north of Santo Domingo.

Everyone in the compound, no matter what age, were required to learn how to shoot, he said.

"These people don't live in reality," Muller said of the two-dozen or so families on the 50-acre site.

Surveillance videos of the raid provided by the group show police in body armor descending on the gated entry of the compound of red-tiled Spanish-style homes. Several officers are seen kicking and hitting Brunck as he argues with them in his German-accented Spanish. Shots rang out shortly after officers went in. Police shot and killed group member Peter Dittich, and arrested his wife for allegedly shooting back at them.

Two high-ranking officers have already been suspended, and prosecutors say 11 other officers are suspected of robbery. □



Ulrich Muhl, spokesman of the German spiritualist group Academy for Future Health poses for a photo outside Peter Brunck's home, the leader of the organization, in Sosua, Dominican Republic. (AP Photo/Ezequiel Abiu Lopez)

eral dozen mostly German expatriates had set up a secretive spiritual group whose website warns of UFOs, the evils of the U.S. government and looming global turmoil. More disturbingly, officers seized an arsenal that included mil-

Authorities are looking into charges that officers beat Brunck and his son while they were handcuffed, shot at an unarmed gardener and stole some of the \$1.5 million in cash and personal property confiscated in the operation.

have been confirmed, nor can they be, because it's all a big lie."

Still, the group's mix of firearms and apocalyptic musings has many concerned, including some who have seen Brunck's teachings first hand.

Dominican police find 1st underground drug lab

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Authorities in the Dominican Republic have discovered an underground lab for processing cocaine, the first ever found in a Caribbean country that has been experiencing a surge in drug seizures, officials said Monday.

The clandestine lab was found beneath a grove of fruit trees on a ranch near

the village of Sabana Toro, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Santo Domingo. Police were searching the property a week after two Colombians were arrested there on suspicion of drug charges, the attorney general's office said in a statement. Inside the lab, authorities seized about 225 kilograms of the base ingredient in cocaine in what Police Chief Manuel Cas-

tro Castillo called "an unprecedented strike against organized crime" in the country. This is the first time that police have found a significant cocaine processing lab in the Dominican Republic, the attorney general's office said.

Police identified the two detained Colombians as Johan Jairon Roldan Estrada y Angel Fernandez Vargas. The Dominican

Republic has reported record seizures of cocaine for each of the last three years and the country has become a transit zone for drugs destined for Europe and the United States.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said earlier this year that an estimated 6 percent of the cocaine bound for the United States would pass through the Dominican Republic. □



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ORANJESTAD - The Aruba Bank Corporate 3-Day Lecture Series, an event designed to benefit Aruba Bank's commercial clients, was an educational experience with varied and interesting content. On all three days, the venue was completely full from the early hours of the morning, and the participation and interaction of speakers with participants, yielded great results. The three speakers, all professionals in their field, were Ryan Kock about Mergers and Acquisitions; Jeanette Solognier and Benno van Leeuwen about Compliance and Martijn Balkestein, assisted by Herry Koolman discussing Macro Economic Development. They were able to present the most relevant information as well as allow the exchange of ideas, the asking of questions, and the

free exchange with speakers, at the end of each presentation.

Ryan Kock of Atlas Aruba Bank talked about the different ways to buy or sell your business or property, and the different legal, fiscal and financial aspects that come with it and must be taken into account at the time of transaction. Jeanette Solognier and Benno van Leeuwen of Forensic Caribbean Services talked about Compliance Law, which deals with the fight against money laundering and financial terrorism, and how this law plays a role in business. Martijn Balkestein, who is the Director of the Central Bureau of Statistics, gave the participants a good overview of the economic situation in Aruba, talking about past scenarios as well as the current situation. He presented an inter-



esting view of external factors, such as the worldwide economic crunch, as well as the closing of the Valero refinery, and their effect on the GDP and the general economy of Aruba, as well as specifically on different businesses here. Balkestein, who thinks that Aruba Bank's initiative is a great idea, commented that it is essential for a community which wants to prosper, to understand exactly what is happening in the economy, especially as a result of outside influences. Director of Gianni's Group, Daniel Ferrara, was among the participants who attended all three days. The businessman commented that it's a positive development when organizations such as Aruba Bank offer seminars that are eye-openers for clients, discussing the reality of the economic situation is. Ferrara explained that it's very useful for business people if informed about complicated topics such as the different laws and taxes to be taken into consideration. Complicated laws can result in fear of invest-

ment by entrepreneurs, he stated, adding that, on the other hand, the explanation presented by Aruba Bank helps business people to understand the bigger picture accurately. Automation Consultant Xavier Gonzalez applauded the initiative of Aruba Bank, saying that professionals, as well as the island of Aruba in general, needs much more information about how our economy is doing. He said that he was happy with the information that was shared by Mr. Balkestein, who commented on the economic situation with caution, also looking at the island's potential for growth. Executive Director of Aruba Bank, Gina Habibe, explained that Aruba Bank considers it its responsibility to keep clients informed on all aspects of macro economics, financial and fiscal developments which play a role in the Aruban market. "We believe that an informed client is a good client, that's how we help clients grow their business," Habibe explained. Aruba Bank is extremely

happy with the participation of its commercial clients, recognizing that the demanding and innovative world of business is one with many challenges, and many details must be taken into account in order to avoid failed investment and or failures in management. Gina Habibe concluded by saying "Aruba Bank would like to thank the four speakers for their time, availability and excellent presentation during these three days of commercial seminars." □





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as if I was family. While I lived in Portland, ME, I became a fan of Maine lobster, then moved to Florida and came to enjoy Caribbean lobster as well, so this restaurant where the lobster was so very fresh and prepared with skill and attention to detail was the perfect fit for me! From the outside The Blue Lobster seems quite "humble" and I arrived right as they were opening for the day. Walking in the door showed these folks are proud of their heritage and pay attention to detail! I sat in a quaint & immaculate dining room decorated in crisp white & blue with intriguing photos of Aruba displayed on the walls. Since I was planning on going for a JEEP Tour of the Island in the afternoon I didn't want to eat "too heavy" food, so I started off with a delicious glass of champagne and a lob-



ster ceviche. Then was tempted by the mushroom & lobster ragout which was rich and delightful. Too my surprise for lunch that day all food was discounted and MORE than reasonable for such fare! The staff was warm and informative as we chatted. I was even invited to give some feedback about some minor decorations they were contemplating! What a joy they were and to show

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Henrik Stenson finally cashes in at TPC Boston

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Massachusetts

(AP) — A great summer of golf finally paid off for Henrik Stenson.

Stenson made three straight birdies to race by a fast-fading Sergio Garcia, and he holed a bunker shot for birdie on the 17th hole to turn back a threat from Steve Stricker to win the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Stenson was runner-up in the British Open and a World Golf Championship, and he tied for third at the PGA Championship. All that was missing was a trophy, and he took care of that on Labor Day at the soggy TPC Boston by closing with a 5-under 66 for a two-shot win over Stricker. The 37-year-old Swede moved to the top of the FedEx Cup standings after two playoff events, assuring him his first trip to the Tour Championship and a clear shot at the \$10 million prize.



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Roger Federer, of Switzerland, rests during a break between games against Tommy Robredo, of Spain, during the fourth round of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, in New York. Robredo won in straight sets.

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HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer lost in the fourth round of the U.S. Open for the first time in a decade,

surprisingly beaten 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4 by 19th-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain on Monday night.

The defeat caps a rough Grand Slam season for Fe-

Federer loses to Robredo in 4th round of U.S. Open

derer, who has won a record 17 major championships including five at Flushing Meadows.

He lost in the semifinals at the Australian Open in January, the quarterfinals at the French Open in early June, and the second round of Wimbledon — against a player ranked 116th — in late June. That ended Federer's record run of reaching at least the quarterfinals at 36 consecu-

tive Grand Slam tournaments.

Now, thanks to Robredo, Federer has a new, unwanted streak: Two consecutive losses before the quarterfinals at majors.

And this is the first year since 2002 that Federer did not reach at least one final at any of the four Grand Slam tournaments. That year marked the last time Federer — who has spent more weeks at No. 1 than

any other player — was ranked lower than he is now at No. 7.

At age 32, Federer has struggled with a bad back and experimented with a larger racket head. And all along, he's had far more trouble winning matches than he usually does — particularly against the sort of players he barely broke a sweat against at his peak.

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Shanahan says RG3 will start Redskins opener

JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

ASHBURN, Virginia (AP)

— So much for those last-minute "concerns." RG3 is starting Week 1.

Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan finally confirmed Monday what has appeared inevitable since the start of training camp: Robert Griffin III will start the season opener against the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I feel very good where Robert's at," Shanahan said. "And he'll be our starter on Monday night unless there's some crazy setback that we don't anticipate."

As is fitting with all things Griffin these days, Shanahan couldn't make the proclamation without leaving a few loose ends of intrigue. The coach refused to disclose the "concerns" that caused him to delay the announcement for several days after the quarterback was medically cleared by Dr. James Andrews.

Andrews gave Griffin the go-ahead Thursday after examining the quarterback's surgically repaired right knee in Florida, where the Redskins were playing the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a preseason game.

But Shanahan said at the time that Andrews also had "concerns" that needed to be addressed. Andrews contradicted the coach the next day in a series of text messages, saying he had "no concerns."

Nevertheless, Shanahan said Andrews voiced those concerns Sunday in a conference call with Griffin,

general manager Bruce Allen and team athletic trainer Larry Hess. The call, the coach said, was aimed at "making sure we're all on the same page."

The conclusion? Shanahan said Griffin is "ready to go — full-speed ahead."

Shanahan did indicate that the team has learned from last season, when Griffin missed all or part of four games due to various injuries.

The general perception is that the read-option offense makes Griffin more vulnerable to injury, even though his injuries came on drop-back passes, usually when trying to scramble.

"You're always trying to take a look at what's in the best interest of your football team, obviously the health of your football team as well," Shanahan said. "But if we didn't feel like Robert was full-go, and he was ready to play and do all the things that you ask a guy to do, he would not be playing in this game."

"We believe he can do everything that a quarterback is asked to do. And if that's sprinting out, if it's running the option, if it's dropping back, we think he can do all those things because he's proved it to us in practice and there hasn't been a setback."

The bottom line is that Griffin will start, making a remarkably expedited return for last year's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. It's been only eight months since Andrews repaired two ligaments in Griffin's knee a few days after the



In this Aug. 19, 2013, file photo, Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III applauds during warm ups before a preseason NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Landover, Md. Associated Press

Redskins' playoff loss to the Seattle Seahawks in January.

Griffin didn't miss a day of training camp. His practice snaps were limited and he wasn't allowed to play in a

preseason game. He was frustrated about not being allowed to do more, but Shanahan maintained it was all done with an eye on the regular season.

Teammates said Griffin has

moved especially well in practice the last week or so.

"He looked great," linebacker Brian Orakpo said. "Robert is back. He's back to being himself." □

Moffat's late goal lifts Dynamo to draw with Fire

The Associated Press

BRIDGEVIEW, Illinois (AP)

— Adam Moffat's 90th-minute equalizer earned Houston a 1-1 draw with Chicago Fire on Sunday and lifted the Dynamo into playoff contention in the MLS Eastern Conference. Houston conceded an own goal from a corner in the 36th min-

ute and trailed until Moffat latched on to Corey Ashe's backheel pass on the left side and drove a shot over Chicago goalkeeper Sean Johnson's outstretched left hand. Houston moved into fifth spot in the conference, equal with New England on 37 points but with a game in hand. □



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Italy's Vinci, Pennetta on to U.S. Open quarters

RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roberta Vinci will face a fellow Italian in the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the second straight year.

In a testament to the depth among Italy's women's tennis players, the 10th-seeded Vinci will also be taking on a countrywoman for the third straight round at this year's tournament. She and Flavia Pennetta both won Monday to set up a matchup of 30-somethings who have known each other since they were 8.

Vinci beat Camila Giorgi 6-4, 6-2 in 67 minutes. Moments later, rain started pouring down, stopping all matches at Flushing Meadows for 4½ hours.

The delay couldn't have come at a better time for Pennetta, who came back to the court to seize momentum and clinch a 6-2, 7-6 (3) victory over 21st-seeded Simona Halep.

Halep had set point on her serve, trying to send the match to the third, when the skies opened up. Once they resumed, the 83rd-ranked Pennetta won three straight points to even the second set at 5-5. Halep promptly broke again, but she couldn't serve out the set this time, either. Then the 31-year-old Pennetta dominated the tiebreaker for her first Grand Slam quarterfinal since 2011.

American wild-card entry Alison Riske forced a third set against Daniela Hantuchova, but the veteran pulled away for a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 victory.

Vinci had never made a Grand Slam quarterfinal before this tournament a year ago, when she was 29. Now Vinci has done it in consecutive U.S. Open trips. She lost to another Italian, doubles partner Sara Errani, in the quarters in 2012.

"It's obvious that I'm not young. I'm 30. But it can be

Roberta Vinci, of Italy, reacts after beating Camila Giorgi, of Italy, during the fourth round of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, in New York.

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a strength, because I have a lot of experience," Vinci said. "Against a player like Camila, who is very young, it can be an advantage for me — and I think it was on the court today."

Errani, the top-ranked Italian woman, was upset by Pennetta in the second round this year while seeded fourth. No matter, the country will still have a representative in the women's semifinals for the second straight year.

Before last year, that hadn't happened once in the Open era, which began in 1968.

Giorgi, a 136th-ranked qualifier, was trying to reach her first major quarterfinal at age 21. In her third-round upset of sixth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, she crushed the ball on point after point, with 46 winners and 45 unforced errors.

She jumped to a 4-1 lead in the first set Monday, but Vinci stayed poised and patient. Vinci, who had never faced the younger Italian before, started attacking her forehand, and Giorgi's mistakes mounted. She finished with 35 unforced errors to 20 winners. "The problem wasn't the opponent," Giorgi said. "The problem is that I wasn't myself on court today."

Vinci is one of only two players seeded in the top 10 left in her half of the draw, along with No. 2 Victoria Azarenka.

Azarenka's meeting with 13th-seeded Ana Ivanovic was postponed Monday because of the rain. So was the Williams sisters' doubles match. □



De Souza, Thomas lead Dream past Sparks, 92-82

ATLANTA (AP) — Erika de Souza scored a season-high 27 points and Jasmine Thomas added 19 as the Atlanta Dream beat the Los Angeles Sparks 92-82 Monday to end a four-game losing streak.

Angel McCoughtry added 16 points and Alex Bentley

had 10 points and 11 assists to for the Dream (15-13). Atlanta opened the season 10-1 before losing 12 of its next 16 games.

Candace Parker had 16 points, eight rebounds and eight assists to lead the Sparks (21-9). Nneka Ogwu-mike added 17 points and

11 rebounds, and Lindsey Harding scored 16 points. Los Angeles had won 10 of its last 11, but couldn't quite recover after falling behind by double digits in the first quarter.

The Dream are close to securing their fifth straight playoff berth. □

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Federer

That this defeat came against Robredo made it all the more stunning. Not that Robredo is a slouch. He's been ranked as high as No. 5, albeit back in 2006, and this is his seventh trip to the quarterfinals at a major. He made it that far at this year's French Open by doing something no man had done since 1927, winning three matches in a row after dropping the first two sets of each.

But consider these other facts about Robredo and this matchup: Not only was he 0-10 against Federer until Monday, he'd managed to win only three of the 27 previous sets they'd played. And before Monday, Robredo's record in



Tommy Robredo, of Spain, reacts after winning a fourth round match against Roger Federer, of Switzerland, during the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, in New York.

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the fourth round of the U.S. Open was 0-7. Heading into Monday, the buzz at the U.S. Open was all about looking ahead to a potential quarterfinal between Federer and his nemesis, Rafael Nadal. Owners of a

combined 29 Grand Slam trophies, they have played each other 31 times — including in eight major finals — but never in New York. Federer's loss means they won't fill that gap in their rivalry this week. □

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Kyle Busch wins Atlanta, locks up Chase spot

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

HAMPTON, Georgia (AP) —

Kyle Busch's pit crew got his car running like he wanted, then got him on the track ahead of everyone else.

The volatile driver took it from there, locking up a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship that slipped away last year. Busch held off hard-charging Joey Logano at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday night for his fourth Cup victory of the year, giving him plenty of momentum heading to the playoffs.

A year ago, he didn't even make the 12-car field — a bitter disappointment for a driver of his talent.

"It's a whole different situation than 365 days ago," Busch said. "We needed to prove to ourselves that we're a championship contender." Busch let out some salty complaints over his radio in the early going, the No. 18 Toyota not performing like he wanted. The crew kept making adjustments until the driver liked the way it handled.

Then, after a rapid-fire series of caution flags near the end, Busch emerged from the pits with the lead. He comfortably beat Logano to the line by 0.740 seconds.

"My boys on pit road," Busch said. "They're amazing. I would do anything for them."

The 28-year-old Busch is undoubtedly one of the most gifted drivers in NASCAR, earning his 16th win of the year in the top three series. He also has nine victories in Nationwide and three in trucks.

Overall, this was his 121st career victory in those series, 28 of them in Cup. But Busch is still seeking the prize he really wants — a Cup title.

"The championship is number one on anybody's list," he said. "You want to be the best in your realm of racing. I'm a NASCAR driver. I want to win a championship. I've yet to collect the big prize. One of these days it will happen. Maybe it'll be 2013. Hopefully, it is."

Martin Truex Jr., racing with a broken right wrist, was third on the 1.54-mile trioval, followed by Kurt Busch and Ryan Newman. The rest of the top 10: Jeff Gordon, Juan Pablo Montoya, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and Brian Vickers.

Kyle Busch was among four more drivers locking up their spot in the Chase heading to Richmond next weekend, where the 12-car field will be set for the playoff. He was joined by Harvick, Carl Edwards and Kasey Kahne.

Points leader Jimmie Johnson, Clint Bowyer and Matt Kenseth had already claimed playoff berths before Atlanta.

That means the final five will be determined at Richmond.

Logano is one of the top contenders for those remaining spots, going into Richmond eighth in the points and also holding a victory as a wild-card backstop. He had the fastest car on the track at the end of the race, but ran out of time to run down Busch.

"It's just frustrating," Logano said. "But in the grand

scheme of things, it's a big points day for us to get into the Chase going to Richmond. This helps us a lot. A win would've helped a lot more."

Bowyer was dominant through the middle of the race, leading 48 laps, but he radioed his crew that that something didn't seem right in his No. 15 car. On Lap 193, those fears became reality when smoke started pouring from the back of his Toyota going into Turn 1. He managed to creep back around to pit road, but he headed straight for the garage, any hope of winning the race snuffed out. □



print Cup Series driver Kyle Busch (18) celebrates in Victory Lane following the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013.

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"I'm just pleased I won here," said Stenson, who equaled the tournament record at 22-under 262. "This was a big goal of mine to win a golf tournament after all those nice finishes. My family is here. I'm going to see my kids in a little bit. It's all good."

Stenson's win was only part of the high drama Monday, so much that Tiger Woods became an afterthought. He closed with a 73 and tied for 65th. The best image of him all day was walking back out to the course after a rain delay with he and his 6-year-old daughter dressed in matching red.

Brendan Steele thought his season was over when the final round was halted for two hours because of rain. Steele made a birdie putt on the 15th when play resumed, hit a 9-iron to 2 feet for birdie on the 16th



Steve Stricker tees off on the first hole during the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 2, 2013

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and closed with two more birdies to sneak into the top 70 in the FedEx Cup and advance to the third playoff event in two weeks at Conway Farms. "It feels like I just missed the cut," Els said when he finished. But the Big Easy was given a big reprieve. K.J. Choi made a bogey on the par-5 18th. Charley Hoffman made bogey on the 17th. Kevin Chappell missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the

last hole. That combination was enough for Els to grab the 70th spot by a fraction of a point. Stricker's third runner-up finish this year allowed him to move into the top 10 and qualify for the Presidents Cup team, despite playing a part-time schedule. That put the 10th spot up for grabs between Webb Simpson and Zach Johnson, who were playing together on the other side of the course.

They were tied at 8 under — big advantage to Simpson — until the former U.S. Open champion dropped two shots on the last four holes. Johnson faced a 25-foot birdie putt on his last hole that determined whether he made the team, and he poured it in the middle.

Johnson last week gave up a chance to earn points by skipping The Barclays to attend his brother's wedding. Lost in all this commotion was Jordan Spieth, the 20-year-old Texan dressed in a shirt with the Dallas Cowboys' silver-and-blue colors. He went birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle at the end of his round for a 62 right before the rain delay.

With such soft conditions, his 17-under 267 was never going to hold up. Spieth wound up tied for fourth, and is No. 10 in the FedEx Cup standings. He is assured of becoming the first player since Woods in 1996 to start a season with no status and reach the Tour

Championship. Woods, however, did it in seven tournaments.

U.S. captain Fred Couples announces his two wildcard picks for the Presidents Cup on Wednesday, and Spieth is sure to get plenty of attention.

Graham DeLaet of Canada started slowly and finished with two birdies for a 69 to finish alone in third and lock up a spot on his first Presidents Cup team for the International squad. Garcia had a two-shot lead at the start of the final round and gave it away quickly, starting with a three-putt for bogey on the par-5 second hole. He missed several short putts and went out in 39, falling too far back to catch up.

Stenson, who hit his second shot into the hazard on the second hole to make bogey, atoned for that mistake with three straight birdies to take the lead, and he kept the mistakes to a minimum on the back nine. □

Heavyweight boxer Tommy Morrison dies at 44



In this June 7, 1993 file photo, newly crowned WBO heavyweight champion Tommy Morrison receives his championship belt after defeating George Foreman in Las Vegas, Nev.

Associated Press

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

Tommy Morrison's career reached its pinnacle on a hot June night in Las Vegas, when he stepped into the ring and beat George Foreman to become heavyweight champion. It reached its nadir when he tested positive for HIV three years later.

The last 20 years of the brash boxer's life would be

defined by extensive legal troubles, erratic behavior and mounting health problems. Morrison would later claim that he never tested positive for the virus that causes AIDs, even as he was hospitalized during the last days of his life.

Morrison died Sunday night at a Nebraska hospital. He was 44.

His longtime promoter and close friend, Tony Holden,

confirmed that "the Duke" had died, but his family would not disclose the cause of death. Morrison and his wife, Trisha, continued to deny that the former champion ever had HIV during the final years of his life.

"Tommy's a very stubborn person and he views things the way he wants to view things. That's his right and privilege," Holden said. "All through his career, him and I would come not to physical blows but disagreements on certain things. We always ended up friends. That was Tommy."

"That's the way Tommy took off after he was told he was HIV-positive," Holden added. "When he first was told, I was taking him to seek treatment and to different doctors around the country."

And then he started research on the Internet and started saying it was a conspiracy. He went in that direction and never looked back."

The controversy, along with Morrison's rapid decline,

overshadowed a stellar career.

Morrison was a prodigious puncher whose bid to fight in the 1988 Seoul Olympics ended at the hands of Ray Mercer, who later dealt him his first professional loss. Along the way, Morrison became such a recognizable face that he was cast in "Rocky V" alongside Sylvester Stallone.

Morrison won his first 28 professional fights, beating faded champions such as Pinklon Thomas along the way. He hit it big at the Thomas & Mack Center in the summer of 1993 - a unanimous decision over Foreman, then in the midst of his comeback - to claim a vacant world title.

Morrison was in line for a high-profile bout with Lennox Lewis when he was upset by unheralded fighter Michael Bentt in Tulsa, Okla., not far from where Morrison was raised. He was knocked down three times and the fight was called before the first round ended.

The loss meant a potential

\$7.5 million payday for a title unification fight simply vanished.

"I zipped when I should have zagged," Morrison said afterward. "It's one of those situations you have to live with and learn from it. I'll be back."

Morrison indeed came back, but he was never the same feared fighter. He beat a bunch of long shots and faded stars over the next couple of years before getting knocked out by Lewis in the sixth round. That fight happened in October 1995. By February, Morrison had tested positive for HIV.

He'd been preparing for another fight that winter when his blood test came back positive for the virus that causes AIDs. Morrison's license was quickly suspended by Nevada, and the ban was, in effect, upheld by every other sanctioning body. Morrison said at a news conference in 1996 that he'd never fight again, blaming his plight on a "permissive, fast and reckless lifestyle." □

Vonn returns to skiing over weekend in Chile

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AP Sports Writer

Lindsey Vonn is skiing in Chile and way ahead of her rehab schedule with the Sochi Olympics five months away.

"I can't tell which knee is injured," she said in a statement released through her U.S. team. "That's a good sign."

The four-time World Cup overall champion returned to the slopes over the weekend nearly seven months after her injury. She eased her way back with two gentle and relaxed training runs. The next day, she revved it up a little more, taking a few gradual turns along the course in Portillo, Chile.

Her surgically repaired right knee held up fine. So much so that Vonn now envisions some slalom gate training by the time the two-week camp with the ski team ends.

The reigning Olympic downhill champion shredded her anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments during a crash at the world championships in Schladming, Austria, last February. She wasn't supposed to even begin thinking about stepping back into ski boots until at least November.

But her knee has progressed so much and so fast that she's significantly bumped up her timetable. Vonn plans on returning to the World Cup circuit for the races in Beaver Creek, Colo., in late November.

"I've crashed a lot in my career and I'm just getting back up as fast as I can," said Vonn, who made headlines in March by announcing she was dating Tiger Woods. "Unfortunately, it's taken me seven months to get back up this time, but I was really excited to get back out there. It feels like the right time and my body feels ready."

Vonn had plenty of company on the course in Chile, joining fellow skiers Julia Mancuso, Stacey Cook, Leanne Smith and Laurenne Ross.

The 28-year-old Vonn arrived on Saturday and

promptly headed for the hill, not wanting to waste time after being cleared. She took it easy at first, with nothing too extreme.

On Sunday, she tested herself some more, gently arcing into turns on the flatter sections of the hill. This was Vonn's version of caution.

"I usually go from zero to a hundred," she said. "I'm not good in between, so this is going to be a challenge."

It could turn into an historic season for Vonn — knee willing, of course. She's just three wins shy of tying Austrian great Annemarie Moser-Proell's women's mark of 62 World Cup victories.

And then there's the Sochi Games, where her expectations remain high as ever. "I'm going to be back just as good, if not better, than I was before," Vonn recently said.

As for her wipeout, she's watched it over and over again, trying to figure out what exactly happened. Here's the short take: Cruising along, Vonn hit a

patch of softer snow that caused her right ski to stop and then buckle. She then flipped over her ski tips.

"I've had crashes that were honestly much worse than this one," Vonn said.

Seven months ago, it looked as if the Olympics might be out of the question. Or, if she did make it into the starting gate, she wouldn't be the same skier who won the downhill at the Vancouver Games four years ago.

But she's made a rapid recovery, her knee already "98 percent" healthy compared to her good one. She also no longer needs to ice her knee after a workout.

"I knew I would get to this point. I just didn't know how long it would take me," Vonn said.

"I didn't know how fast or slow the recovery process would be. But I always knew I'd be back. I never really doubted it. I'm really happy that I'm finally 100 percent and I'm not injured anymore." □



In this Aug. 31, 2013 photo provided by Red Bull, Lindsey Vonn is shown skiing in Portillo, Chile. The four-time World Cup overall champion returned to the slopes over the weekend nearly seven months after her injury. She eased her way back with two gentle and relaxed training runs.

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Horner wins 10th stage of Vuelta, leads overall



Christopher Horner of USA wins the third stage of the Spanish Vuelta, a 185-kilometer (115-mile) ride starting in Vigo and finishing at the Mirador de Lobeira summit in Vilagarcía de Arousa, Spain, Monday, Aug. 26, 2013. Horner won the third stage of the Vuelta Monday, taking the overall lead. The 21-stage race ends in Madrid on Sept. 15.

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ALTO HAZALLANAS, Spain (AP) — American veteran Christopher Horner won the 10th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Monday to

claim the overall leader's jersey for a second time in this year's event.

The 41-year-old RadioShack-Leopard rider

broke away on the steep, zigzagging special-category ascent up the Alto Hazallanas peak at the end of grueling 187-kilometer (116-mile) mountainous ride from Torredelcampo in southern Andalusia to win in 4 hours, 30 minutes, 22 seconds.

Vincenzo Nibali took off after Horner but was unable to catch the American, finishing 48 seconds behind in second.

Spain's Alejandro Valverde led a small pack that came 1 minute, 2 seconds back.

"This race was a lot of work for me," Horner said. "When Nibali began to accelerate on the final climb I thought to myself it was the moment for me to attack and maybe win the race, which I did."

Horner also won the third stage of the Vuelta, with race organizers saying he became the oldest rider to earn a stage victory in one of cycling's three grand

tours — which also include the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia.

"It was a very hard stage because it was so hot at the beginning of the race," Nibali said.

"Later, I had Horner ahead of me with close to a 40-second lead and it was too difficult to catch him. But it's fine like this because there is still a lot of road ahead and tomorrow is a rest day."

Horner had predicted that he would attack toward the end to try and reclaim the overall lead, and he had placed himself well within the leading pack after the tough category 1 climb up Altos de Monachil, a 1,465-meter (4,806 feet) ascent, just 27 kilometers from the finish line.

The race resumes on Wednesday with a 38.8-kilometer (24 mile) time trial in and around the central city of Tarazona. □

Verizon buying Vodafone's wireless stake for \$130B

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NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon will own its wireless business outright after agreeing to a \$130 billion deal to buy the 45 percent stake of Verizon Wireless owned by British cellphone carrier Vodafone. The buyout, the second-largest acquisition deal on record, would give Vodafone PLC additional cash to pursue its expansion ambitions in Europe. Those ambitions include its push to buy up other cellphone providers and to expand into the lucrative world of mobile services.

The deal announced Monday would also give Verizon Communications Inc., the opportunity to boost its quarterly earnings, as it would no longer have to share a portion of proceeds from the nation's No. 1 wireless carrier with Vodafone.

Verizon expects the deal to boost its earnings per share by 10 percent once the deal closes. It also boosted its dividend.

The deal still has requires approval by regulators and shareholders of both companies. It is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014.

It isn't expected to have much of an effect on Verizon consumers or on the company's operations. Vodafone had little influence on Verizon Wireless' day-to-day operations, and the two companies have kept

out of each other's territory. The Verizon-Vodafone partnership started in 2000, when what was then Bell Atlantic combined its East Coast wireless network with Vodafone's operations on the West Coast. Vodafone had entered the U.S. market a year earlier by outbidding Bell Atlantic to buy AirTouch Communications Inc. of San Francisco.

While Vodafone and Verizon have prospered by building the infrastructure to make cellphone calls, much of the growth in today's market is in providing services that can be

used on smartphones over high-speed wireless connections, said Victor Basta, managing director at Magister Advisors.

It's as if the tarmac of the highway has been laid, and now the real action is in the billboards on the side of the road.

"While Vodafone has been pursuing its current strategy, operators have become locked in a galactic fight with online brands such as Google, Facebook, and eBay for mindshare," Basta said. "For these online leaders, winning on the mobile device is not a luxury, it is

essential to their own success. The mobile screen is now the main screen in most Western markets."

The windfall from the buyout will give Vodafone, already one of the world's largest cellphone companies, substantial funds to buy other providers — or pay down its debt. Last year, Vodafone spent \$1.6 billion in buying up UK telecoms group Cable & Wireless Worldwide and is pushing ahead with a \$10.2 billion takeover bid for Germany's biggest cable operator, Kabel Deutschland.

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A man speaks on his cell phone as he walks past a Verizon store in Portland, Ore. Verizon says, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, it has agreed to buy Vodafone's stake in Verizon Wireless for \$130 billion.
(AP Photo/Don Ryan)

Oil falls below \$107 as Syria tension eases

Associated Press

The price of oil fell below \$107 a barrel Monday as the likelihood of an imminent U.S. attack against Syria diminished. By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for October delivery was down 82 cents to \$106.83 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract fell \$1.15 to close at \$107.65. Trading volumes were limited Monday as floor trading on the Nymex was closed because of Labor Day. As a result, the benchmark contract was volatile, swinging within a wide range of more than \$3, between \$104.21 and \$107.31. President Barack Obama has had difficulty convincing the world about the need to take action against Syria's government in response to an alleged chemical attack last month that the U.S. says killed at least 1,429 civilians. That number is significantly higher than the death toll of 355 provided by the aid group Doctors Without Borders. Only France is firmly on board among the major military powers, after Britain's Parliament rejected the use of force in a vote last week. Both Russia and China strongly oppose unilateral U.S. military action. While Syria is not a major oil producer, it straddles a region that is. The possibility of a wider conflict, one that could interrupt production and shipping routes in the region, has pushed oil prices higher in recent days. "Even though the saber-rattling over a military strike against Syria is continuing and a U.S. attack remains a realistic option, the debate has become considerably less heated," said a report from analysts at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "This is likely to weigh on oil prices given that many market players have been betting on climbing oil prices in anticipation of military action in Syria and a possible spill-over of the conflict in the most oil-rich region of the world." □

China, EU growth signs support global stocks

CARLO PIOVANO
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Evidence of a rebound in manufacturing activity in China and Europe helped global stock markets rise Monday, though Wall Street's closure for Labor Day kept trading volumes light.

The possibility of a U.S. military strike against Syria in retaliation for alleged chemical weapons use against civilians continued to overhang markets but the initial concern has abated. U.K. lawmakers voted against

involvement and President Barack Obama decided to seek approval from Congress.

In Britain, the FTSE 100 added 1.5 percent to close at 6,506.19. Most of that gain was thanks to cellphone company Vodafone which said it was with in talks with Verizon to sell its U.S. mobile business. Confirmation of the \$130 billion deal came after trading in London had finished for the day, but Vodafone's shares closed up 3.4 percent at 2.13 pounds on expectations of the purchase.

Meanwhile, Germany's DAX index ended the day up 1.74 percent to 8,243.87 while France's CAC-40 was up 1.84 percent to 4,006.01. Italian and Spanish stocks were also up after surveys showed manufacturing activity rose in the two countries, which are in recession and have been focal points of Europe's debt crisis.

Global sentiment was also earlier boosted by two surveys that showed China's manufacturing sector also improved last month after

prolonged weakness.

The HSBC purchasing managers' index rose to 50.1 points in August, a level that indicates expansion as output and new orders edged up slightly and order backlogs rose at the fastest pace in two years. The official China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing PMI rose to 51.0 from July's 50.3, which was the highest level and biggest increase this year. Both indexes use a 100-point scale on which numbers below 50 indicate a contraction. □

ECONOMIC REPORTS FOR THIS WEEK

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Information to be released this week includes construction spending for July and the Institute for Supply Management index of manufacturing activity in August (Tuesday); the U.S. trade deficit for July, the Federal Reserve's Beige Book regional economic report, and the Challenger, Gray & Christmas report on job cuts in August (Wednesday); weekly jobless claims, ADP employment for August, and factory orders for July (Thursday); and the U.S. unemployment report for August (Friday).

EARNINGS

Companies scheduled to report results include H&R Block (Tuesday); Dollar General (Wednesday); Smith & Wesson (Thursday); and Smithfield Foods (Friday).

IN THE US

On Monday, banks, financial markets, government offices and many businesses will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

On Wednesday, automakers are scheduled to report on North American vehicle sales in August.

OVERSEAS

On Monday, the German finance minister, Wolfgang Schäuble, will brief a government budget committee on Greece's third financial assistance package, and the governor of the Bank of England, Mark J. Carney, will hold a news conference before the meeting of the Group of 20 nations. On Tuesday, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development will issue its assessment of the economies of the Group of 7 industrialized nations and China.

On Thursday, the Group of 20 nations will begin its annual two-day conference in St. Petersburg, Russia; and the Bank of England and the European Central Bank will issue decisions on interest rates and monetary policy. □

Cumulus Media will buy a radio syndicator

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In a deal that could heighten the competition in radio against Clear Channel Communications, long the industry's dominant player, Cumulus Media has agreed to buy Dial Global, a syndicator of sports, talk and music programming to thousands of stations, for \$260 million.

The deal, which was announced over the weekend and is subject to regulatory approval, would let Cumulus beef up its syndication business with programs from the National Football League, the Olympics and NASCAR, as well as news and entertainment. And it represents talk shows like "Loveline" for advertising. Clear Channel's Premiere Radio Networks division dominates the market with major talk hosts like Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity.

"These transactions give us the necessary scale to provide the marketing and enterprise solutions our advertising and affiliate partners require," Lewis W. Dickey Jr., the chief executive of Cumulus, said in a statement. "Our goal is to be the leading producer of premium audio content distributed through multiple platforms while continuing to build our broadcast platform in the top 100

U.S. markets."

The complex deal involves four radio companies. To finance its acquisition of Dial, Cumulus is selling 68 of its stations to Townsquare Media, a broadcaster that operates mostly in small markets. Townsquare will

comply with Federal Communications Commission regulations. Townsquare will place three of the stations from Cumulus in trust for a future sale.) If all the transactions are approved, which the companies said they expect by

profile in larger markets to better compete with CBS and Clear Channel, and Townsquare gets a lot bigger out of this in smaller markets," said Tom Taylor, who writes a newsletter on the radio industry.

Developing and branding



Dr. Drew Pinsky tapes the "Loveline" talk show at Dial Global Studio in Culver City, Calif. Once approved, a deal where Cumulus Media agreed to buy Dial Global, a syndicator of sports, talk and music programming to thousands of stations, would let Cumulus beef up its syndication business with programs from the National Football League, the Olympics and NASCAR.

(Emily Berl/The New York Times)

pay \$238 million for 53 of those stations.

For the other 15, Townsquare will give Cumulus five stations in Fresno, Calif., that it is acquiring as part of an 11-station deal with yet another radio owner, Peak II Holding. (To

the end of the year, Cumulus will be left with 460 stations in the United States, and Townsquare with 312. CBS Radio has 126 stations, but most are in larger markets and have greater revenue.

"Cumulus wants to raise its

content has become critical for radio broadcasters as they face competition from satellite and digital services like Pandora. Those services are starting to become common features in new cars, radio's traditional stronghold. □

India: Rupee continues decline on weakness

KEITH BRADSHAW

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MUMBAI, India - The Indian rupee began slipping lower in currency markets again Monday after a two-day respite, as further signs emerged of broad troubles in the Indian economy.

An HSBC survey of purchasing managers at manufacturers across India, released Monday, showed them to be their gloomiest since March 2009, at the bottom of the global economic downturn. Businesses across the country are bracing for a sharp increase in the regulated price of diesel fuel, as the rupee's steep drop in August has driven up the Indian cost of crude oil, priced

in dollars and almost entirely imported.

The rupee was down another 0.5 percent against the dollar, to 66.08 rupees to the dollar, bringing its decline since early May to almost 20 percent.

Currency traders said that they perceived hints of modest intervention to cushion the decline by the Reserve Bank of India, the country's central bank, which acts through state-controlled commercial banks when it does intervene so as to camouflage its activity.

The Mumbai stock market showed signs of recovery Monday, with the benchmark Sensex index rallying 1.43 percent by late after-

noon.

Exporters would be expected to benefit from a cheaper rupee. But poor roads, restrictive labor laws and heavy regulation have left India with a manufacturing sector that, although stronger than a decade ago, still struggles to compete with China and other East Asian economies.

Indian companies rely heavily on imports for materials and equipment, and the costs of those imports are surging as the rupee falls, limiting gains in Indian competitiveness.

At Challenge Overseas, a manufacturer of trousers on the northern outskirts of Mumbai that exports mainly to the Mideast, the floor

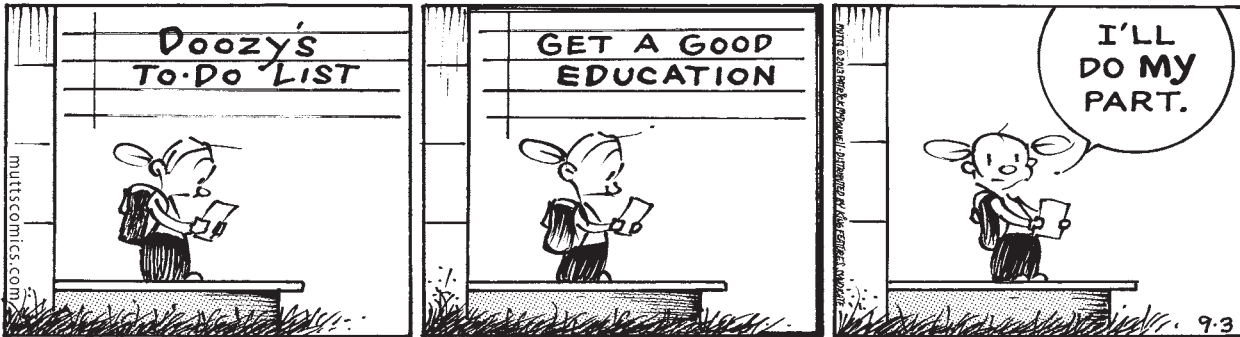
and corners of the factory were piled high over the weekend with rolls of gray and black fabric.

But all of the fabric had been imported from China.

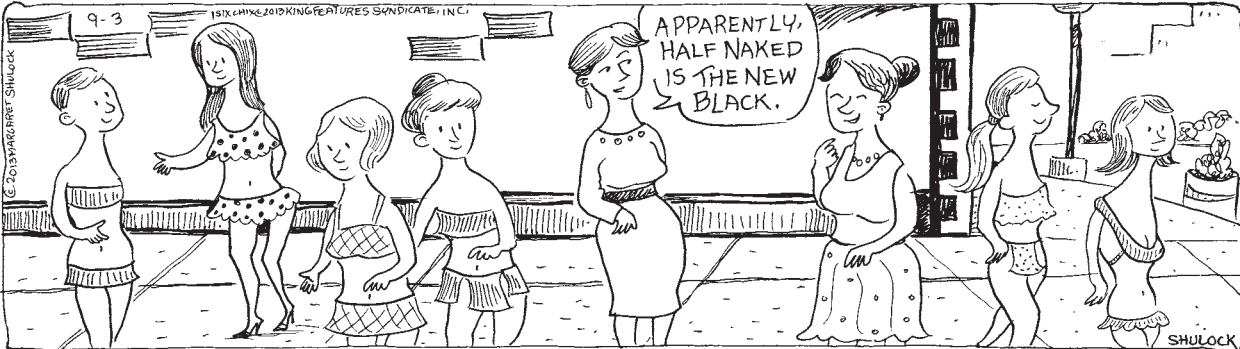
"Our owner goes to China every three months," said Javeri Savia, the general manager of production. "The newer textures and weaves all come from China."

Like many Indian factories, Challenge also lacks economies of scale. It has just 60 workers to cut, sew and iron its trousers, which sell at wholesale for about 1,000 rupees, or \$15, apiece. Similar factories in China often employ several thousand workers. □

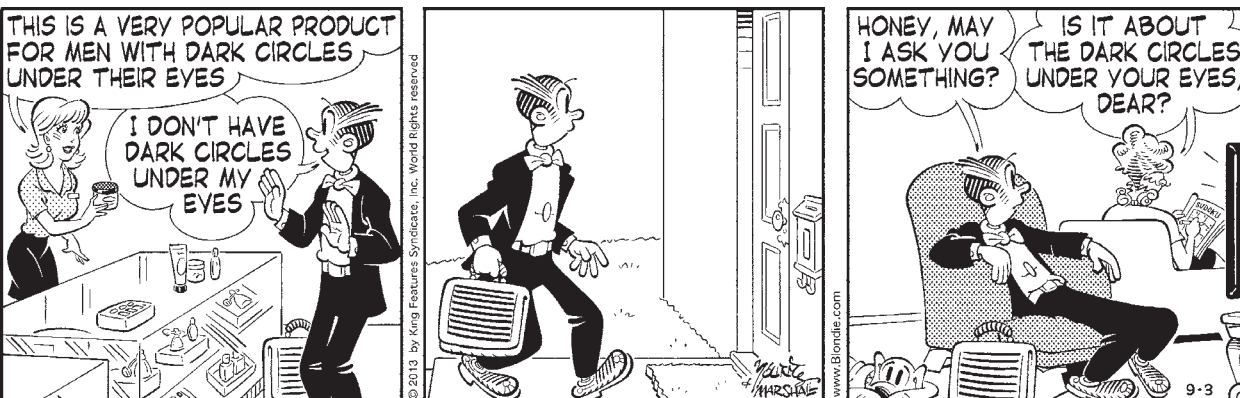
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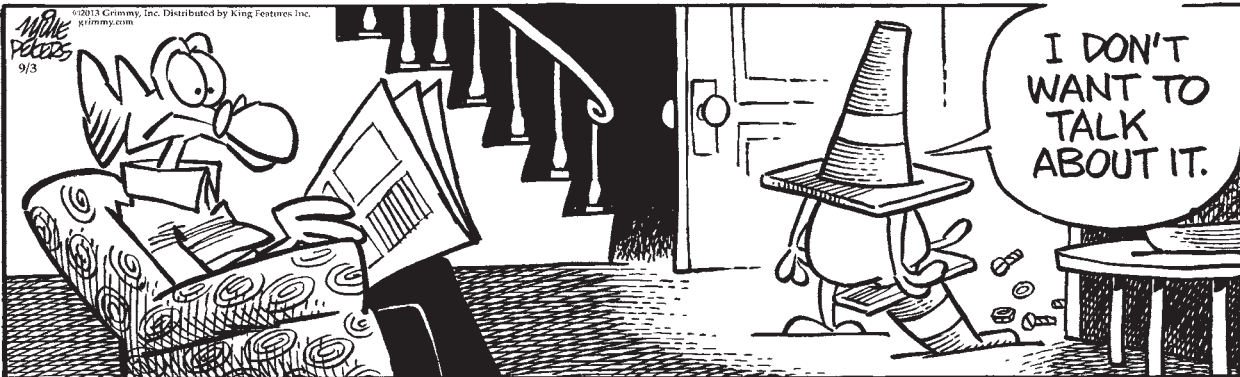
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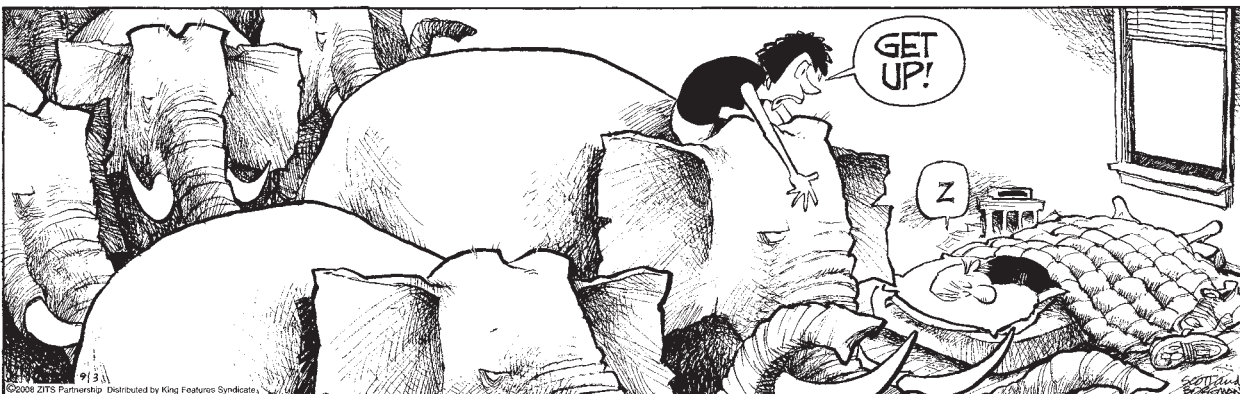
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

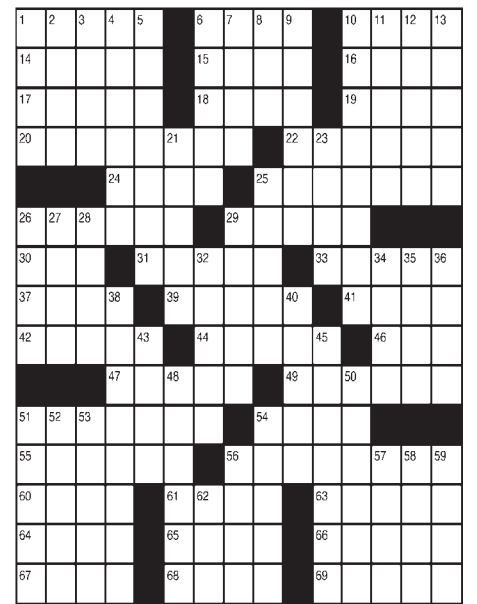
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- Explode
- Argument
- "M*A*S*H" actor
- Ridiculous
- Small rodents
- Burn
- Striped feline
- Dating couple gossiped about
- Beach surface
- Mississippi riverboats
- Pressure cooker brand
- Twist in a hose
- More luxurious
- Untainted
- Longfellow's works
- Summer month: abbr.
- Glowing coal fragment
- Harbor cities
- Dinner in a sty
- Song of an Alpine goatherd
- Uncommon
- Long stories
- Speeder's bane
- Split soup
- Iron alloy
- hound; dog with short legs
- Hot dog topper, for some
- Like a take-out order
- Whole
- Borderline; on the edge
- Eve's man
- Grouch
- Wipe away
- Draw; entice
- Grave
- Writing tables
- up; arranges
- Stick around
- Bread ingredient

DOWN

- Tiny pieces
- Military division
- In a ; furious
- around; moves furtively
- One who eats on the house?
- Smile smugly
- Prune stones
- Highest club
- Place of worship
- Rater of home and land value
- Dog rein
- "Divine Comedy" poet
- Passion
- Foe
- roast; cut of beef
- over; studied intently
- Late singer
- Mama
- Luau dance
- Very excited
- Ride a bike
- Turned off; uninterested
- Knocks
- Sequoia or oak



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In this Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, Anthony Voss, lava lamp expert and collector, poses for the photographer in a shop in London with some of the lava lamps in his collection.

Associated Press

Lava lamps: 50 years old and still groovy

JAMES BROOKS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Call them '60s relics or hippy home accessories, lava lamps have been casting their dim but groovy light on interiors for half a century, having hit British shelves 50 years ago on Tuesday.

A British company began marketing their original creation as an "exotic conversation piece" in 1963. Since then, millions of models of the much-copied invention have been sold worldwide. The design was created by British inventor Edward Craven-Walker, who was inspired by an odd-looking liquid-filled egg timer he saw in a pub in southwest Britain.

The former World War II pilot then spent years transforming the concept into a home lighting accessory, having recognized the potential for such an invention during anything-goes '60s Britain. "Everything was getting a little bit psychedelic," said Christine Baehr, the second of Craven-Walker's four wives. "There was Carnaby Street and The Beatles and things launching into space and he thought it was quite funky and might be something to launch into." Britain's "Love Generation" saw an affin-

ity between the fluorescent lava flow's unpredictable nature and the easy-going, drug-induced spirit of the decade.

Craven-Walker's first model, the Astro Lamp, also reflected the technological innovation and imagination of the time, shaped like a sci-fi rocket. Soon other models, such as the Astro Mini and the Astro Nordic, emerged from Craven-Walker's Crestworth company, building on his original concept. Baehr recalls a memorable moment when they were told that Beatles drummer Ringo Starr had bought one of their lamps. "That was a great, 'Ah we've made it,'

moment," she said. Despite the decline of British manufacturing, with numerous well-known brands dying or moving to countries with cheaper labor costs, lava lamp making company Mathmos has remained at their factory in southwest Britain still employing Craven-Walker's tried and tested formula. "I think it's really special to manufacture something that's been invented and made in Britain, in Britain for 50 years," said Cressida Granger, who became involved with Crestworth in 1989, re-named it Mathmos in 1992 and gained sole ownership in 1999. □

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Sandy's 'freaky' path may be less likely in future

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Man-made global warming may further lessen the likelihood of the freak atmospheric steering currents that last year shoved Superstorm Sandy due west into New Jersey, a new study says. But don't celebrate a rare beneficial climate change prediction just yet. The study's authors said the once-in-700-years path was only one factor in the massive \$50 billion killer storm. They said other variables such as sea level rise and stronger storms will worsen with global warming and outweigh changes in steering currents predicted by the study's computer models.

"Sandy was an extremely unusual storm in several respects and pretty freaky. And some of those things that make it more freaky may happen less in the future," said Columbia University atmospheric scientist Adam Sobel, co-author of a new study on Sandy. But Sobel quickly added: "There's nothing to get complacent about coming out of this research." The study published Tuesday in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* looks at the giant atmospheric steering currents, such as the jet stream. A spate of recent and controversial studies have highlighted unusual kinks and meanders in the jet stream, linking those to



This Feb. 22, 2013 file photo shows Two heavily damaged homes on the beach in Mantoloking, N.J., from Superstorm Sandy.

Associated Press

9 million use sleeping pills to get more zzz's

By **MIKE STOBBE**
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -- Can't get enough shuteye? Nearly 9 million U.S. adults resort to prescription sleeping pills - and most are white, female, educated or 50 or older, according to the first government study of its kind.

But that's only part of the picture. Experts believe there are millions more who try options like over-the-counter medicines or chamomile tea, or simply suffer through sleepless nights.

"Not everyone is running out to get a prescription drug," said Russell Rosenberg, an Atlanta-based sleep researcher.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study was based on interviews with about 17,000 adults from 2005 through 2010. Study participants were even asked to bring in any medicines they were taking.

Overall, 4 percent of adults said they'd taken a prescription sleeping pill or sedative in the previous month.

The study did not say whether use is increasing. But a CDC researcher calculated that use rose from 3.3 percent in 2003-2006 to 4.3 percent in 2007-2010.

That echoes U.S. market research - as well as studies in some other countries - that indicate an increase in insomnia in recent decades.

"Sleep disorders overall are more prevalent than what they were," said Dr. Ana Krieger, medical director of New York's Weill Cornell Center for Sleep Medicine.

That could be due to a number of factors, experts said. Some include obesity-related sleep apnea, the rise of social media and other electronic late-night distractions and financial worries from the recent recession.

Earlier studies have tried to track pill use through prescription sales, but that offered a flawed view.

For adults, the recommended amount of sleep is 7 to 9 hours each night. Previous CDC research suggests at least a third of adults get less than that. Doctors offer tips for good sleeping that include sticking to a

regular bedtime schedule, getting exercise each day and avoiding caffeine and nicotine at night.

By some estimates, nearly 10 percent of Americans suffer chronic insomnia and may seek a physician's help. Inadequate sleep has been tied to the start and worsening of a range of diseases and conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, obesity and depression.

The CDC study results confirm some patterns that doctors have been observing for a while. They include: Women are more likely than men to take sleeping pills, 5 percent versus 3 percent.

- More whites take pills - nearly 5 percent, compared to 2.5 percent of blacks and 2 percent of Hispanics.

- Prescription use increases with age, to 7 percent of those 80 and older.

The findings may have been influenced in part by who had health insurance and access to doctors who would prescribe sleeping pills, said Yinong Chong, the study's lead author. □

extreme weather and loss of sea ice in the Arctic. This new study looks only at the future and sees a lessening of some of that problematic jet stream swerving, clashing with the other studies in a scientific debate that continues.

Both camps agree on what happened with the weird steering that shoved Sandy, a late season hurricane that merged with a conventional storm into a massive hybrid, into New Jersey.

The jet stream plunged in an odd way. A high pressure system off the coast of Canada and Greenland blocked the storm from moving east, as most do.

That high pressure block now happens once or twice a year in August, September and October. Computer models show the jet stream will move further north, so the "giant blob of high pressure" will be even less frequent next century, said study lead author Elizabeth Barnes of Colorado State University. But Barnes and Sobel said

because so many other factors are involved this doesn't mean fewer storms hitting the New York region. This is only one path; storms usually come from the south instead of from the east like Sandy.

Scientists agree that future storms will be slightly stronger because of global warming and that sea level is rising faster than researchers once thought, Sobel said. Those factors likely will overwhelm the predicted change in steering currents, he said.

Rutgers University climate scientist Jennifer Francis, one of the major proponents of the jet-stream-is-changing theory, said she doesn't see the jet stream becoming stronger and moving north as Barnes says the models predict. Her work and others points to more Sandy-like storms, especially because there seem to be more late-season tropical storms.

"The matter is not settled," said Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann. □





U.S. actor Michael Douglas smiles as he arrives for the Germany premiere of the movie 'Behind The Candelabra' in Berlin, Germany, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013.

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Actor Michael Douglas says he doesn't have a crisis at home and that he and his wife Catherine Zeta-Jones "are fine" and taking a "temporary separation."

Douglas was speaking in Berlin on Monday while promoting Liberace film

"Behind the Candelabra." In response to a question from the media, he said "I have a crisis at home? No, I think the press has a crisis. We, we are fine. My wife and I are, are fine."

We take a temporary separation, but the press, it gives you stuff to write

about."

Zeta-Jones, 43, and Douglas, 68, were married in 2000.

They have two children. He battled throat cancer in 2010 and made headlines this summer when he spoke out about one potential cause, oral sex. □

Gia Coppola seeks own voice in filmmaking



Director Gia Coppola poses for photographers during the photo call for the film *Palo Alto* at the 70th edition of the Venice Film Festival held from Aug. 28 through Sept. 7, in Venice, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013.

Associated Press

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VENICE, Italy (AP) — First-time director Gia Coppola says she is trying to find her own voice as a filmmaker,

so she didn't seek much help from either grandfather Francis Ford Coppola or aunt Sofia Coppola.

"It was important for me to find my own voice and try

to do it on my own," she said in an interview Sunday before the debut of her film "Palo Alto" out of the main competition at the Venice Film Festival — where Sofia walked away with the Golden Lion in 2010 for "Somewhere."

"Palo Alto," based on a book by James Franco and starring the actor, explores the vulnerability of teenagers through the lives of four high school students in Palo Alto, California.

Franco plays a soccer coach who makes advances on a student, April, played by Emma Roberts. Val Kilmer appears in a cameo as April's goofy stepfather, which Coppola, 26, helps explain "why she would get entangled with her soccer coach and I think if there was something missing with her life at home." □

Lady Gaga debuts ARTPOP at iTunes Festival



Lady Gaga fans Rowan Semplis and Andrew Convey pose as they wait in line outside the Roundhouse, London ahead of her iTunes Festival concert, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — With flying pigs and wigs, Lady Gaga debuted her "ARTPOP" songs at the iTunes Festival. The pop star performed seven new songs, as she headlined the event at London's Roundhouse Sunday night.

It is Gaga's first solo show since she had hip surgery in February.

The concert started with her swinging over the audience in a cage and involved many on-stage costume changes, elaborate

wigs and dancers in hazard suits wearing pig masks, hanging from the ceiling. The songs included "Jewels & Drugs" — a rap number featuring T.I. — pop song "Sex Dreams" and ballad "I Wanna Be With You."

Also the title track of Gaga's new album, "ARTPOP," which is released Nov. 11.

iTunes Festival continues throughout September with Elton John, Justin Timberlake and Katy Perry on the line-up. □

Despite the bombs, Hollywood posts a record summer

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NEW YORK (AP) — In the end, Hollywood made it through a precarious mine-field of summer box-office bombs with a heftier wallet. The summer concluded with a record \$4.7 billion in box-office revenue despite much maligned flops like "The Lone Ranger," "After Earth" and "White House Down."

The summer movie season closed out on Labor Day weekend as the boy band concert film "One Direction: This Is Us" took in an estimated \$18 million from Friday to Monday for Sony Pictures, according to studio estimates Monday. That wasn't enough to unseat the Weinstein Co. historical drama "Lee Daniels' The Butler," which stayed on top for the third week with \$20 million.

It was a positive note on which to end a tumultuous but profitable summer for Hollywood. More than ever before, the industry packed the summer months with big-budget blockbusters that ranged from the hugely successful "Iron Man 3" to the disastrous "The Lone Ranger." Though the movie business has always been one of hits and misses, this summer brought particular attention to some big whiffs. Yet the box office saw a 10.2 percent increase in revenue over last summer (not accounting for inflation), with attendance rising 6.6 percent. A portion of the revenue bump could be attributed to rising ticket prices which, on average, went up 27 cents from last year.

But the plethora of major releases — a more than 50 percent increase from last year in films costing \$75 million or more to make — meant moviegoers had a parade of highly-marketed, big-budget options through the early, most sought-after weeks of the summer. That meant faster blockbuster turnover that may have been better for the industry as a whole, but often came at the expense of individual films.



This image released by Starpix shows members of One Direction, from left, Niall Horan, Louis Tomlinson, Zayn Malik, Harry Styles, and Liam Payne at the premiere of the film "One Direction: This Is Us," at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York on Monday, Aug. 26, 2013.

Associated Press

"It was one of the most interesting summers I've ever seen," said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "It was this mix of great news and bad news at the same time."

So what to make a summer (which is considered to run from the first weekend in May to Labor Day) that often seemed like a weekly punch line but ended up doing robust business overall? The lessons were hard to deduce.

The biggest hit of the summer was Disney's "Iron Man 3," which made \$408.6 million domestically and \$1.2 billion worldwide. Disney gave some of that back, though, with Gore Verbinski's "The Lone Ranger," which took in just \$88.4 million in North America despite costing more than \$215 million to make. (Studios split box-office revenue in half with theater

owners.) Theater Owners, applauded the record summer revenue as a sign of industry strength but suggested studios are jamming too many blockbuster releases into too narrow of a summertime window. This summer followed an especially poor first quarter for the box office.

"A few of those films suffered because of the congestion," said Fithian. "I would encourage studios to look at some of those



owners.) Despite successes like Warner Bros.' "Man of Steel," Universal's "Despicable Me 2" and Paramount's "World War Z," "The Lone Ranger" became the masked face of Hollywood's summer. It was the most spectacular flop among many others, including "Turbo," "After Earth," "White House Down," "The Wolverine" and "The Hangover Part III."

John Fithian, president of the National Association of

other months. In January and February of this year, we had very little product. We had very few big budget movies. Maybe one of the takeaways of the summer is: We've got a whole bunch of movies, let's spread a few of them out a bit more and take advantage of the whole calendar."

Studios, though, consider the first few months of summer to be, as Dergarabedian says, "primetime" — when kids are out of school

and movies have the widest audience possible.

"I don't think anything's going to change," says Dergarabedian. Rather, he says, "The lesson is: Try to keep the costs down."

That worked for several low or medium budget horror films this summer, including "The Conjuring" and "The Purge." Several less expensive comedies also succeeded, like Seth Rogan's apocalyptic romp "This Is the End," Jason Sudeikis' road trip farce "We're the Millers" and the summer's top comedy, "The Heat," with Melissa McCarthy and Sandra Bullock.

Some, like Sharlto Copley, who co-stars in the science-fiction thriller "Elysium" (\$178 million worldwide on a \$115 million budget) hoped some of the summer's high-cost misfires would push the studios to devote more resources to other types of films. Even Steven Spielberg, generally considered the father of the modern blockbuster, made headlines when he said Hollywood would "implode" if it continued to focus only on bigger and bigger blockbusters.

"The opportunity to do something original and on a very big scale seems to be getting rarer and rarer these days," said Copley. "Maybe if you have a few more bad times, you'll see the studios investing in smaller projects."

But the top six films of the summer were all sequels or part of existing franchises, including "Monsters University" and "Fast and Furious 6." The high cost of marketing a film (which can rival or surpass production costs for summer tentpole releases) also makes it likely studios will continue to increasingly depend on summer popcorn fare.

North American box-office performance is only part of the story, anyway. The robot-monster clash "Pacific Rim," made for \$190 million, was considered one of the summer's failures after opening with \$37.2 million domestically. But it's made more than \$404 million worldwide. □

The Unsaved World



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Why don't we learn from financial crises? As Asian currencies fall and crisis strikes, we seem to be making the same mistakes made in the '90s.

The rupiah is falling! Head for the hills! On second thought, keep calm and carry on.

In case you're wondering, the rupiah is the national currency of Indonesia, and, like many other emerging-market currencies, it has fallen a lot over the past few months. The thing is, the last big rupiah plunge was in 1997-98, when Indonesia was the epicenter of an Asian financial crisis. In retrospect, that crisis was a sort of dress rehearsal for the much bigger crisis that engulfed the advanced world a decade later. So should we be terrified about Asia all over again?

I don't think so, for reasons I'll explain in a minute. But current events do bring back memories - and they are, in particular, a reminder of how little we learned from that crisis 16 years ago. We didn't reform the financial industry - on the contrary, deregulation went full speed ahead. Nor did we learn the right lessons about how to respond when crisis strikes. In fact, not only have we been making many of the same mistakes this time around, in important ways we're actually doing much worse now than we did then.

Some background: The run-up to the Asian crisis bore a close family resemblance to the run-up to the crisis now afflicting Greece, Spain and other European countries. In both cases, the origins of the crisis lay in excessive private-sector optimism, with huge inflows of foreign lending going mainly to the private sector. In both cases, optimism turned to pessimism with startling speed, precipitating crisis.

Unlike Greece et al., however, the crisis countries of 1997 had their own currencies, which proceeded to drop sharply against the dollar. At first, these currency declines caused acute economic distress. In Indonesia, for example, many businesses had large dollar debts, so when the rupiah plunged against the dollar, those debts ballooned relative to assets and income. The result was a severe economic contraction, on a scale not seen since the Great Depression.

Fortunately, the bad times didn't last all that long. The very weak-

ness of these countries' currencies made their exports highly competitive, and soon all of them - even Indonesia, which was hit worst - were experiencing strong export-led recoveries.

Still, the crisis should have been seen as an object lesson in the instability of a deregulated financial system. Instead, Asia's recovery led to an excessive showing of self-congratulation on the part of Western officials, exemplified by the famous 1999 Time magazine cover - showing Alan Greenspan, then the Fed chairman; Robert Rubin, then the Treasury secretary; and Lawrence Summers, then the deputy Treasury secretary - with the headline "The Committee to Save the World." The message was, don't worry, we've got these things under control. Eight years later, we learned just how misplaced that confidence was. Indeed, as I mentioned, we're actually doing much worse this time around. Consider, for example, the worst-case nation during each crisis: Indonesia then, Greece now.

Indonesia's slump, which saw the economy contract 13 percent in 1998, was a terrible thing. But a solid recovery was under way by 2000. By 2003, Indonesia's economy had passed its precrisis peak; as of last year, it was 72 percent larger than it was in 1997.

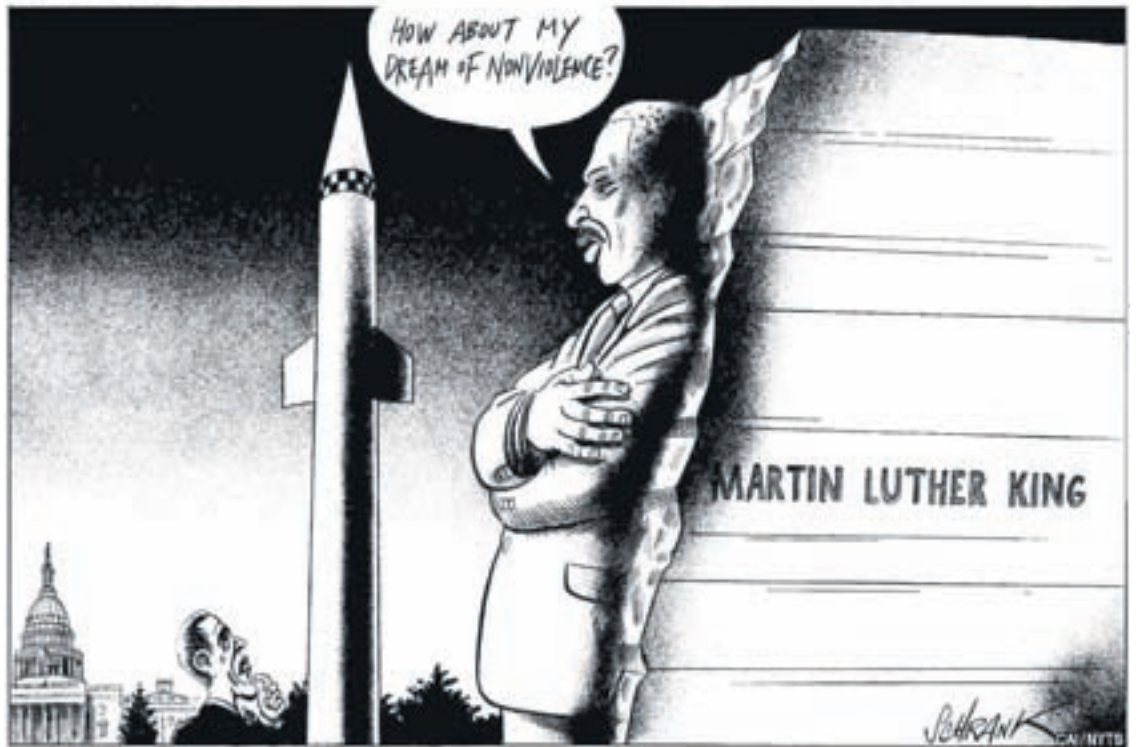
Now compare this with Greece, where output is down more than 20 percent since 2007 and is still falling fast. Nobody knows when recovery will begin, and my guess is that few observers expect to see the Greek economy recover to precrisis levels this decade.

Why are things so much worse this time? One answer is that Indonesia had its own currency, and the slide in the rupiah was, eventually, a very good thing. Meanwhile, Greece is trapped in the euro. In addition, however, policy makers were more flexible in the '90s than they are today. The International Monetary Fund initially demanded tough austerity policies in Asia, but it soon reversed course. This time, the demands placed on Greece and other debtors have been relentlessly harsh, and the more austerity fails, the more bloodletting is demanded.

So, is Asia next? Probably not. Indonesia has a much lower level of foreign debt relative to income now than it did in the 1990s. India, which also has a sliding currency that worries many observers, has even lower debt. So a repetition of the '90s crisis, let alone a Greek-style never-ending crisis, seems unlikely.

What about China? Well, as I recently explained, I'm very worried, but for entirely different reasons, mostly unrelated to events in the rest of the world.

But let's be clear: Even if we are spared the spectacle of yet another region plunged into depression, the fact remains that the people who congratulated themselves for saving the world in 1999 were actually setting the world up for a far worse crisis, just a few years later.



Politically, Our Next Big Thing



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It is time to start thinking about running for the U.S. Senate. Allow me to explain.

There are no major congressional elections this fall, except that one lone Senate special election in New Jersey, where Cory Booker is facing The Person Running Against Cory Booker. We need to look forward to 2014. There are already some exciting races shaping up, like the one in Kentucky where Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell is battling for his survival with the help of a campaign manager who admits having said he was "sort of holding my nose" to stay in McConnell's corner.

And we really cannot get enough of the Wyoming Republican Senate primary, where incumbent Mike Enzi is being challenged by Dick Cheney's daughter Liz. When we last checked, Cheney was engulfed in a major controversy about whether she had lived in Wyoming long enough to qualify for a resident's fishing license.

And then there are other states where nobody is running at all. For instance, Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson is retiring in South Dakota, and his party seems to be having a hell of a time just finding a serious nominee. (Dem-

ocratic position: "We are aggressively recruiting in South Dakota and plan on being competitive there.")

The cupboard is also sort of bare in Montana, where Sen. Max Baucus is retiring. But not in West Virginia. This is Sen. Jay Rockefeller's seat, and for a long while it looked as if nobody in the entire state was interested in being the Democratic nominee to replace him. But now the party may have a promising volunteer in the form of Natalie Tennant, who is both the secretary of state and the former mascot of the West Virginia University football team.

Happily, being the West Virginia mascot does not involve jumping around at games dressed like a gopher or a frog or the Fighting Okra. WVU's mascot is "The Mountaineer," who looks like Daniel Boone or Davy Crockett. Tennant in 1990 was the first woman ever to have the job. "People would throw cups at her. They would chant: 'We don't want a mountain deer. Bring us back our Mountaineer,'" the campus mascot adviser once told a local magazine.

This is currently my favorite story about the 2014 Senate races, and I am now putting West Virginia on the list of States to Watch. On the other hand, we have many states to be ignored, because they have strong incumbent senators who show no sign of going away. If you have nothing to do for the next year or so, keep an eye on those races. If an opposition candidate fails to materialize, you may want to consider volunteering. In some cases, you can do this from the comfort of your living room. Back in 2010 William Bryk, a bankruptcy lawyer from Brooklyn who had never been west of Buffalo, declared his candidacy to run against Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo because nobody else seemed to be interested.

"I'm not the most partisan of Democrats, but I do believe the second party is at least obliged to show the flag," Bryk said in an interview.

A number of states simply require you to fill out a form to run for office, and you don't have to be a resident until the day of the election. It appears to be way harder to get a fishing license in Wyoming than to be a candidate for Senate in Idaho.

Bryk ran on a platform that came down to "If Elected, I Will Move." After an Idaho businessman jumped into the race, Bryk lost the primary by a spread of about 3-1. He was extremely gracious in defeat. "My opponent is an intelligent, articulate and attractive man and I've never been to Idaho," he told FoxNews.com in a concession statement.

The Democrats say they would have gotten a candidate on their own. "That's fine that he was on a mission to encourage people to run but it certainly didn't factor into Idaho politics," said Dean Ferguson, the state party communications director.

Idaho's other Republican senator, Jim Risch, is up for re-election next year and Ferguson says he is confident there will be a candidate running against him, as well as an extremely strong nominee opposing Gov. Butch Otter. That is not really to the point of our current subject, but I always enjoy writing "Gov. Butch Otter."

Here's your mission, people. Start to check out the Senate races - there are going to be 35 next year, and 10 or 12 might involve real competition. You may want to send a few of the candidates donations - control of Congress hangs in the balance. The rest of the pack aren't going to require much attention. Unless, of course, one of the parties doesn't seem prepared to produce a nominee. Then you know what you have to do.

Palm Beach Plaza Mall New Majestic Carnival Season!

PALM BEACH - Palm Beach Plaza Mall new majestic carnival season has started at Aruba's largest mall. The Aruba Carnival is a thrilling show of over-the-top pageantry, produced by thousands and delighting and uniting the entire country. Here's the scoop on how it began.

Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbean-



an-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprouted here and there.

Today Palm Beach Plaza Mall will have a great Car-

nival Show where you can experience for yourself the taste of Aruba's Carnival culture with the opportunity to take pictures with the majestic carnival dancers with carnival costumes. Come and enjoy the show! □

Every Tuesday Night from 7pm - 9pm: Steel Pan Night at Palm Beach Plaza Mall

PALM BEACH - Nico Connor, a second generation steel pan recording artist who is one of the 2 performing sons of the late Edgar Connor, Aruba steel pan pioneer who obviously shared his talent with his sons.

Nico has being surrounded by (steel pan) music and was in love with the sound from a young age, his mother Gloria Connor the great arranger of the famous invaders steel band gave him a saxophone that's still at his side but his steel pans have always had his priority in any form or music.

Together with his also talented brother Lee brought a new trade wind to steel



pan music, arrangements and performing. As a steel pan performer/label owner he's always looking for the next step to add to his virtuosity groovy sounds, and expand his musical journey beyond the horizon.

The all-star band will be performing at Palm Beach Plaza Mall.

We invite you to come and experience Aruba's heritage on Steel Pan Music, tonight at Palm Beach Plaza Mall. □



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